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Cover: John B. and Mary (Beck) Zehr in front of their home. The log home was built after their marriage on November 15, 1869, in Adams County, Indiana. In later years, a more modern home was built. Both homes were inhabited at the time 1900 photograph by Shalley. Seated on the step is Joseph Schindler; on the far right, Joseph Zehr; and middle front, grandson Arthur Zehr. Standing are left to right; Catherine "Katie" Zehr, Joseph Zehr, Mary (Luginbill) Zehr, and Emma Schindler.

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The obituary of Ulrich Kipfer II appeared in the Herald of Truth in April 1866, Vol. III, No. 4, Page 35, 36. "On the 13th of March in Adams County, Indiana, of lung fever, Ulrich Kupfer, age 60 years, 6 months, and 6 days. His body was consigned to rest on the 15th in the Newville Churchyard, on which occasion addresses were delivered by Peter S. Lehman at the house of the deceased and by Christian Augsburger at the place of burial. The deceased was the oldest minister of the Mennonite Church at that place, and beloved and esteemed by everyone. - Chr. Volksblatt."

One wonders whether the funeral for minister Kipfer was an occasion that brought some healing to the rupture between the members of the Baumgartner Mennonite Church and the Apostolic Christian Church that had occurred in 1858, or whether the old wounds were reopened by the sermon of Peter S. Lehman. Christian Augsburger had been chosen to serve as a preacher a little more than eight months before Kipfer's death. He likely was able to bridge the differences more readily than Peter S. Lehman as he was not involved in the disputes between Lehman and Matthias Strahm II.

What is noticeable is that there is no obituary for Ulrich's wife in the Herald of Truth following her death on May 9, 1883. It is possible that she was then living with her son Ulrich III and family and thus her funeral would have been held in the Apostolic Christian congregation. At the time of her death Ulrich was a minister in this congregation, having been chosen in 1880.

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Dedicated to
my mother, Barbara Hirschy Habegger
who initiated my interest in genealogy
and to my wife LaVeta Loganbill Habegger
who has patiently supported my endeavors.

Preface

A Swiss girl, living in Berne, Indiana, one day asked her mother, "Who are we?" The mother replied, "Wir sind Emmentaler." In other words, we are people from the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland. Both the question and answer would have been spoken in the Swiss dialect, Schwyzerdütsch. That girl was my mother, Barbara Hirschy Habegger and her mother was Barbara Luginbill Hirschy. In this book I am reminding those of Swiss descent in Adams and Wells counties, Indiana, that for the most part we are descendants of people who once lived in the Emmental. We have a unique ancestry that goes back more than two thousand years.

Though having this common heritage, already in Europe our ancestors were subject to competing ideas that began to lead them in different directions. In this book we seek to tell something about our diverse history and the varied experiences our forebears lived through as they walked their chosen paths. What is significant is that despite their differences they chose to settle in the same community. Living at the frontier of civilization, their common ethnicity, culture, and language bound them together despite their differences.

The roots of my heritage reach back into both the Mennonite and Amish streams. Thus as my interest in genealogy grew, I have sought information about all of my ancestors. I was born on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana where my parents were serving as missionaries under the General Conference Mennonite Church. Thus, in my youth I had minimal contact with our extended family. Though I lived in Berne, Indiana with my paternal grandparents for my last two years of high school, I learned almost nothing about my history. As a student in Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, I took a course in Mennonite History, but this was not much of a stimulus to learn about my own family's history.

My interest was stirred when my parents returned from a trip to Switzerland and France in 1951. While there they visited several communities where our forebears lived, and looked up records. Upon their return my mother brought out a small notebook in which she had written the names, dates and places lived of both her and my father's grandparents. By this time I was married and had a daughter a year old. The changes in my life likely stimulated me to ask my mother if I could copy what she had recorded. She was more than happy to let me do so. Once I had that much, my curiosity has driven me to research many family lines over the past fifty years.

As a Mennonite minister, I have served in various communities across the United States, from Pennsylvania to California. This enabled me to learn about and gather information from many sources. The last church I served had a computer, so I was introduced to this greatly expanding tool by which to preserve the information I had gathered. In 1995 my brother, Marden, in California sent me the minutes of a committee that was working to place all the ancestors and descendants of Mennonites from Holland, north Germany, Poland and Russia into a single database. This challenged me to think that a comparable project should be started to place all the Swiss, south German, and French Anabaptists into a single database. The result was the formation of the OMII Genealogical Association which to date has gathered more than a million names.

The Heritage Room of the Berne Public Library, with Karen Adams as manager has worked with me in entering the families that settled in Adams and Wells counties, Indiana. To date the Berne SAT (Swiss Ancestral Tree) database has more than 75,000 names entered. It is this tool that has made this book a possibility. In this book we have sought to enter all the Amish, Mennonite, Reformed and Apostolic Christian families that settled in Adams and Wells counties in the first twenty-five years of the community's settlement. Here you will find information on where many of the families lived in Europe before they came to America, the dates of marriages, births and death of the early settlers. Not all data has been given on every person, as that would have greatly expanded the work. Those who are interested can visit the Heritage Room of the Berne Public Library where a computer is housed which contains additional information as well as a wealth of data on ancestors and descendants. Persons can also visit the website,

www.omii.org and get much of the information that has been entered in this database.

There are many people who have contributed to this book by their research and writing. We pay tribute to several who have made this book possible. First of all, Karen Adams, though not Swiss, has been a major contributor to this project. She is the one who suggested that now was the time to put out the book I envisioned several years ago. She had done a considerable amount of research and has given extensive time to various parts of the project. Chapter 4 on the German Reformed Church, as well as doing much of the indexing, are her specific contributions to this book. Joe Springer, librarian of the Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, has been researching the French civil records to add to and expand information on the families in the Montbeliard Mennonite Church (France). He has generously shared his information on the Amish/Mennonite families who came to Adams County. Adam Barrone's database of over 65,000 names of Apostolic Christian Church members was helpful in providing information on several families. Roman Schwartz' research on the Amish buried in Schwartz Cemetery filled out information on several families. Don Roth, retired President of the Evangelical Mennonite Church, made genealogies available on families who were part of the early history of that denomination.

A thank you goes to those from the Berne community who have contributed information from their research and knowledge of the community. Claren Neuenschwander and Ruth Gottschalk have been major contributors. Claren contributed the map on Trails, Traces and Geological Features of Adams County. Ruth, along with Charles Joray of Kokomo, Indiana, contributed in a major way to the information on The Swiss in the German Reformed Church. Thanks go to Cindy Herman for research and entering information from the tax records; to Marvel Zuercher, Claren Neuenschwander and Judy Stauffer for assistance in proof reading; and to Ruth Gottschalk, Judy Stauffer, and Helen Neuenschwander for their help in indexing.

In conclusion, I want to note that the Berne Public Library, Marvel Zuercher its director, and the Library board, deserve credit for the development of the Heritage Room and the Berne SAT (Swiss Ancestral Tree) project which has been, and will continue to be, an invaluable resource for all who cherish their heritage of faith and culture.

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INTRODUCTION
The Swiss of South Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana

Early History of the Swiss

The Swiss who came to south Adams and Wells counties of Indiana, despite their varied religious backgrounds, have a common ancestry. They came primarily from the Canton of Berne and prior to the Reformation, which began in 1521 in Zurich, were a homogeneous people.

The history of these Swiss does not begin in Switzerland, and they are quite different from the French, Italian and Romansch speaking Swiss who live in the other cantons. The Bernese Swiss stem from a Germanic tribe known as the Alemann, and their language, which is widely used even today as a national spoken language, is known as *Schwyzerdütsch* or *Bärndütsch.* The Alemann, originally living in the Baltic Sea area of Europe, slowly drifted south.

In the writings of Julius Caesar he described the life of Germanic tribes that he met. He wrote that as they came into new territory they would clear the land for their houses and crops. They kept cattle for their meat and milk, and they made cheese. They built their houses in a large circle and in the evenings they would bring their cattle to the center of their settlement to protect them from marauders. Every few years they would move on and start a new settlement as they had little knowledge of how to keep the land fertile.

The Alemann were already making raids across the Rhine into what is Switzerland in the 3rd century A.D. But it was not until the latter part of the 5th century that they began to push more strongly into this mountainous region. By the end of the 6th century, they had expelled the Celtic people, called Helvetii[1] by the Romans, who had been living in this land along with their Roman rulers. This territory became the Alemann homeland.

When the Alemann settled in the land, not all was settled as farmsteads. A major portion was kept by the tribe for use by the community as a whole. Everyone had equal grazing rights to these lands which were known as the *Allmende.*

While the *Alemann* people were made up of noblemen, freemen, bondsmen and slaves, there were strong elements of democracy in the way in which they lived together. When it came to making decisions about land use, all people had a voice, and the voice of the majority ruled. By working together they were able to build bridges, make roads, and develop the passes through the mountains. They limited the number of trees that could be cut down to prevent snow slides. Within the Alemann there was a strong sense of independence, but in time they were overpowered by the Holy Roman Empire and became subject to the Emperors. As they grew in number, their independent spirit led them to forge alliances that brought the Cantons into a union that was increasingly able to assert their desire to be free from the control of outside powers.

Like other Germanic people, the religion of the early *Alemann* was characterized by their belief in spirits that controlled much of their lives. While the Roman Catholic Church had a few scattered Bishoprics in the country when the *Alemann* arrived, it was not until Saint Columba came with a group of monks from Ireland in 610 A.D. that any effort was made to bring the Christian faith to them. A monastery was established in St. Gallen in 612 that developed into a major center for learning and art in the 9th and 10th centuries. Churches were established in other parts of the country and eventually the whole population was under the influence of the Pope in Rome.

Under the Roman Catholic Church, church and state were intricately connected. Powerful bishops could become Cardinals, one of whom made war against the French. Since Switzerland was a small landlocked country, it had few means for economic development. As the population grew, young men found that the easiest way to make a living was to hire themselves out to foreign countries as soldiers. They were voluntary recruits, not draftees. This became a major source of income for many families. Countries bid against each other for their services. In the1500s this lead to a disastrous battle between the Duke of Milan and the French, each of whom had hired Swiss mercenaries. So Swiss were fighting Swiss.

The last big battle in which Swiss troops

fought took place in 1515 when Cardinal Schiner led men from Zurich and Zug into battle against the French.[2] In this battle the outnumbered Swiss realized that they should not attempt to become a major military power. This set the stage for their now famous neutrality.

The Reformation of the Church

The Reformation in the 1500s became a primary influence in the Cantons of Zurich and Bern. The leading minister of the city of Zurich, Ulrich Zwingli, with the support of the town council, began in 1521 to make significant changes in the surrounding churches. Using the Bible as their guide for faith and life, they eliminated the priesthood, redefined the mass, simplified the order of service, discarded images and ornaments, and became independent from Rome. The Reformed Church had the support of the large majority of people who felt that the changes that had been made were significant. The reform movement was carried into the northern Cantons and the powerful city of Bern became Reformed in 1528.

One concept they did not change in establishing the Reformed Church was the union of church and state. It was this union that led some associates of Zwingli to challenge the decisions of the city council that was authorizing the changes that were being made. They specifically challenged the validity of infant baptism, which was a keystone concept for the state church. Conrad Grebel, Felix Mantz, and George Blaurock, university trained men, took the lead in arguing that baptism should be voluntary, based upon one's confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

These young radicals, in wanting to bring about more far reaching changes, soon realized that the authorities of the state were not going to support the changes they desired. As a result they began to advocate that matters of faith should not be under the jurisdiction of the State; that people who were led by the Spirit of God should be free to follow that leading.

The crucial issue of baptism soon separated them from the state supported Reformed Church. The Catholic Church, and then the Reformed Church (as well as the Lutheran Church) believed the baptism of infants was biblical. These state churches mandated that all children born in their territories should be baptized to be cleansed of the sin of Adam, and to be enrolled as citizens of the state.

Those who no longer believed that this practice was in accord with the teaching of the New Testament, took the step that separated them from the established church. They held a service on January 24, 1525 in which grown men and women asked to be baptized upon their own confession of faith.

Subsequent to the baptisms, those who took this radical step were referred to by the state church as *Wiedertaufer*, or by the Latin equivalent, Anabaptists, which means rebaptizers. The Anabaptists denied that they were being rebaptized as their saw their initial baptism as an invalid Christian activity. Thus they began to refer to themselves as *Taufer*, which means baptizers. In speaking with each other they called each other brothers and sisters. They now saw themselves as united in a new family of faith.

A central concern of the *Taufer* was that the members of the state church, including the clergy, did not live godly lives. They believed that people who accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord should follow the pattern of Jesus' life in every human relationship. Their lives were to be exemplary, and they were to be mutually accountable in the body of believes for their activities. Their vision of what the church should be has been defined as discipleship. They took seriously the call of Jesus who said "follow me."

Another radical innovation was their rejection of the appointment and status of the state clergy. The *Taufer* believed that the congregation of believers should discern which men had the gift of leadership and then, with the use of the lot, ask God to determine who of the several nominated for this role should be chosen. There were no educational requirements for persons to serve as their ministers in the role of elders, teachers, and deacons. The evidence of the presence of the Spirit of God in a person's life, qualified them to serve in this role following their ordination.

As soon as the young leaders of Zurich put their ideas into practice, they became itinerant missionaries who shared their ideas with any who

would listen. They went forth teaching their newly established convictions and then invited people to be baptized if they felt under conviction by the Spirit. The movement spread rapidly. Within a very short time members were not only evangelizing in the Canton of Zurich, but also in the Canton of Bern.

Both Zurich and Bern were strongly opposed to the new free church movement. The authorities of these two Cantons were not about to let this movement get a foothold in their territories. Capital punishment was, therefore, inaugurated to eliminate any who openly advocated or practiced the views espoused by the *Taufer* . Some forty persons were put to death in Canton Bern. The authorities were so severely criticized by the people that capital punishment was discontinued, but these people were still hunted down and expelled from the Canton until 1711 when some 600 persons were taken to the border and pushed out of the Canton. It was the French Revolution that finally brought about the changes that gave the *Taufer* the freedom to live in Switzerland, France and Germany without harassment.

However, it did not take long until a major tenant of the *Taufer*, nonparticipation in war, brought them into conflict with the various authorities. The *Taufer* took literally Jesus' injunction to love their neighbors as themselves and not to return evil for evil. Thus when Switzerland, France and Germany required young men to serve in the military, this gave families a major incentive to leave their homes and come to America where this was not required. The *Taufer* who came to America, beginning in 1816, are for the most part the families from whom the Mennonites, Amish, and Apostolics of Adams and Wells counties, Indiana are descended.

The Mennonite Connection

The Anabaptist movement sprang up in a variety of places in Europe. In the Netherlands a priest named Menno Simons became an Anabaptist in 1536 and gave significant leadership by his preaching and writings. Though he was hunted, he was able to escape capture and ministered in both the Netherlands and north Germany. His followers became known as Mennonites. The Anabaptists in Switzerland were not identified with any particular leader and it has not been until the latter part of the 21st century that they also began to use the name Mennonite.

The 1693 Anabaptist Division

The Anabaptists of Switzerland and France experienced a division among themselves in 1693. It occurred when Jacob Amman, a minister who was born in Canton Bern but was living in France, came to the **Taufer** in his native land and sought to get the ministers to adopt a more severe form of church discipline, the practice of the ban.

In 1660 a number of Anabaptist ministers in the Alsace of France signed their names to the Dutch Mennonite Dortrecht Confession of faith. The use of the ban is one of the articles of this confession. Thus, Amman was coming with some legitimacy in making his proposal.

Congregations in France used the ban with varying degrees of severity. Some ruled that the person under the ban should be ignored, with all casual contact and conversation proscribed. Others limited the ban to eating together at the same table.

Most of the *Taufer* ministers of the Emmental did not see the strict use of the Ban as needed in their churches, so refused Amman's plea. Amman was displeased with their answer so felt led to place these Emmental ministers under the ban. He subsequently saw the error of his action, but it was too late to repair the damage that was done and each group went their separate ways. Those who followed Amman have become known as Amish when they came to America.

A Second Division

In the 1800s the *Taufer* of the Emmental experienced another division when Samuel Frohlich, a free lance minister who had been dismissed from the Reformed Church for his views, came to preach in Langnau. He had been influenced by a widespread religious movement known as pietism that originated at the end of the 17th century. Pietism emphasized a 'heartfelt' religion based on a personal, emotionally experienced, conversion.[3] Conversion was to be manifested in daily life by good works and in certain forms of nonconformity such as abstaining

from entertainment such as the dance, card playing, the theater, worldly literature, and at times alcoholic beverages.

The message of Frohlich appealed to people in both the Reformed and *Taufer* congregations, and particularly to two of the *Taufer* ministers. This new emphasis led them to form their own congregation which became known as *Neutaufer*, (New Baptizers) or as they named themselves, *Gemeinschaft Evangelish Taufgesinter* (Evangelical Baptistminded Congregation). Details on this division will be given in chapter 7. Coming to the United States this group took on the name Apostolic Christian Church.

The Reformed Church

When the Mennonites and Amish came, they had ministers who emigrated with them and gave leadership to the congregations. The Reformed Church, with a different history, had a different experience. In Switzerland the ministers of the Reformed Churches were appointed to their position by the state church and were supported by state taxes. In coming to the United States it took some time before their denominational organization grew large enough to send ministers to newly developing congregations.

The German, Swiss and French speaking Reformed Church members who first came to the Fort Wayne, Indiana area began attending the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches that were forming. When the Lutheran pastor began to insist that all members needed to accept the Augsburg Confession, the Reformed Church members left and formed a congregation of their own. To secure a pastor they wrote to Mercersburg Seminary in Pennsylvania which assisted them in getting the Reverend Andrew Carroll. He arrived in the summer of 1844 but left in March 1845. The congregation then called the Reverend John Adam Bayer of Dansville, New York to serve them. He arrived in April 1844.[4]

The congregation was not financially able to give him a liveable salary so they appealed for help from the American Home Missionary Society, an organization supported by members of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches who were interested in providing ministers for new settlements in the West. In granting the request the Society also required the supported pastor to minister not only to the congregation in Fort Wayne, but also to Reformed German-speaking persons in the surrounding areas. Pastor Bayer wrote to the Society on September 18, 1845,

> "*From time to time I visit Wells County about 30 miles from here; there are two new German settlements on both sides of the Wabash river, chiefly people of the German Reformed denomination, between 20 and 30 families; and 12 miles from there in Adams County is another settlement from 12 to 18 families.... What hinders me from going oftener there is: I have no horse and am not able to buy one.*"[5]

It would take some additional time for these churches to obtain pastors.

Summary

Returning to the Swiss of Adams and Wells counties, we will find immigrants belonging to all four of these churches settling in the same area. A sizeable number of Mennonites, Amish and Reformed purchased land shortly after it was put up for sale by the United States government and began to make their homes starting in 1838. Twenty years later the Apostolic Christian Church was organized. Since they lived adjacent to each other and spoke the same dialect a number of their youth intermarried.

The Reformed members were more ready to engage in business, but in time the Mennonites also established a number of businesses. The Apostolic and Amish remained farmers until more recent decades when they moved into a variety of trades.

Subsequent to the first twenty-five years of life in the United States, many movements and events have affected the life of the four churches whose history will be told. Yet, after more than one hundred and sixty years, all four groups, with several offshoots, continue to exist and interact in varying degrees.

Descendants are to be found in many of our country's fifty-two states and in many parts of the world. One wonders what impact

the coming generations will make of their heritage of faith, and what they will have to endure and struggle with in the century ahead, at whose gateway we have barely entered.

ENDNOTES

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Chapter 1
Early History

First Arrivals in America

The Swiss who came from Switzerland, France and Germany to Adams and Wells counties, Indiana in the early to mid-1800s were part of a much larger movement of Europeans to America,

Immigrants from Switzerland were among the early settlers in the United States. The Mennonites were particularly attracted to the state of Pennsylvania as William Penn, a Quaker, made them a very attractive offer. They began coming as early as 1644. However, the first permanent settlement was not established until 1683 when a group came to Germantown, Pennsylvania.[1] It was not until 1705 that any sizeable numbers began making their arrival.

Amish began coming to America in numbers large enough to establish their own settlements in 1736. Members of the Swiss Reformed Church were also arriving at this time. Members of these groups continued to arrive until 1754 when the French and Indian War broke out. Those who had settled on the frontier, where Indians still lived, experienced the anger of the Indians who resented the encroachment of these foreigners into their homeland. It has been estimated that about 4,000 Swiss and South German Mennonites and 200 Amish from Alsace-Lorraine, France and South Germany had arrived before the flow of immigrants was slowed to a trickle by wars in America and Europe.[2] Information on the numbers of Reformed immigrants has not been researched.

Immigration to America was stymied by the Seven Years' War (1756-63) between France and England. Almost immediately following this, the Revolutionary War of the American colonies continued to make it impossible for those in Europe to come to America in any numbers. Then conditions in Europe deteriorated. The French Revolution erupted and the devastating effects of this war spread over the whole of Western Europe. Unsettled conditions continued until peace was established in 1815. The situation on both continents was then stable enough for persons to begin to consider emigration.

The Pressure to Leave Europe

For people who have never moved out of their home community, it is hard to imagine what it takes to motivate people to leave their homes, cross foreign territory, sail across an ocean in small crowded vessels, and then travel in primitive conditions to a virgin forest. But there were some strong pushes from their circumstances.

From the 1750s until 1815, Mennonites and Amish in Switzerland and France, along with the rest of the population had continued to grow in numbers. This became a major motivating factor

in restarting the flow of immigrants to America. The increase in population made it increasingly difficult for young couples and growing families to find farms on which to make a living.

They looked to farming as the best way of making a living for it provided a stable method of maintaining their families and their faith community. With almost no possibility of finding farms, they knew that significant changes needed to be made. Not wanting to move into the cities to find work, the possibility of obtaining land in America at a reasonable price became very attractive.

There were additional factors that entered into their decision to emigrate. The faith of the Mennonites and Amish continued to be sorely tested. While the persecution by the Swiss government and state church had abated for these Anabaptists, and France had grown more tolerant, their conviction about nonparticipation in military service was put to the test in these counties. A number of Mennonite and Amish men in France, Switzerland and South Germany had been coerced into military service during the Napoleonic wars. Their desire to not compromise their convictions led many to think about emigration. They received reports from their coreligionist that there was no military draft in American. This assurance helped them to consider undergoing the difficult trip to the coast and across the ocean to the new land that was being opened up for settlement.

Along with the growing numbers and the issue of military service, most people in Europe were not faring very well economically. The whole of Western Europe was in a poor economic condition for a number of years following a generation of warfare. Government debts were enormous due to the wartime economy. The prices of goods were high. It took a number of years for commerce to recover from the disruption of the wars. Thus the opportunities for making a living in the city were very poor even if they considered the possibility of moving in that direction.

Just as these Mennonites and Amish were beginning to think about the possibilities of life in America, another event gave an added push to their thinking. This was the eruption of the volcano Mount Tambora, located on the island of Sumbawa in Indonesia, on the opposite side of the world. The eruption of Mount Tambora on April 11 and 12, 1815 was the largest of any volcanos in the past 10,000 years. It has been estimated that 25 cubic miles of the top of the mountain were hurled into the upper atmosphere. As a result of the darkened skies the northern portions of North America and Europe experienced frost each month of the year in 1816. The effect on all crops was devastating. In Switzerland grain prices in 1817 were the highest recorded in the first half of the century. The price of bread increased four to five times.[3]

The economic condition of the people living in France, Germany and Switzerland became very difficult as a result of the frost. Delbert Gratz, the late Mennonite historian, wrote the following about the hardships faced by the people in Switzerland. "Blight ruined the potato crop. Rents were raised and all living expenses increased. Food was very scarce, especially for the poor who had no store of provisions. Loaves of bread were made smaller. Herbs and roots were gathered and made into soup. Sickness added to the suffering of the Anabaptists."[4]

It was this combination of problems that made it possible for the Mennonites, Amish and Reformed families, as well as thousands of other Europeans, to leave their cherished homes, relatives and friends for the opportunities that were open to them in the United States of America.

The First Mennonite and Amish Immigrants in the 1800s.

It was the military conscription in France that brought the first Mennonites to the United States in the 1800s. The first to arrive were Johannes Bösiger (Basinger), his close friend Johannes Steiner and the latter's wife Maria who arrived in 1815.[5] Bösiger, who was 23 years of age, and Steiner, both living in the community of Belfort, France, were conscripted into Napoleon's army in 1815 as he prepared to fight the British and their allies at Waterloo. Participating in warfare was against their convictions so they decided to run away. Their dramatic story was written by P.B. Amstutz,, of Putnam County, Ohio in 1925.

"They came to the decision to desert but were captured. By promising to do better

they were released without punishment, but they were not honest in doing so. At the first opportunity they again ran away. But the river of luck had not yet opened for them. Again they were captured. This time they did not get by so lightly. After a sound thrashing and serious threats they were installed once more. This also did not change their decision. Again, running for two days and two nights to the limit of their strength, they made their way to the Swiss border. At the end they fainted but fortunately soon revived.

Without being caught by their pursuers they crossed the Swiss border and came to a well-known and true friend who took them in. He hid them in a cellar behind kegs and barrels and gave them the necessary care. He then went out and bought them civilian clothing, substituting these for the uniforms which he buried in the forest. As soon as circumstances permitted, they made preparations to travel to America. Their destination was Lancaster County, Pennsylvania."[6]

They arrived in 1815 and made their home in Wayne County, Ohio. It is likely that their coming opened the way for others to follow. In 1817 the Reformed minister of Moutier (Münster), Charles Ferdinand Morel, wrote "At this moment the Anabaptists have sent two representatives to America to survey the possibilities of establishing homes there where they would have liberty of conscience."[7] It could be that he only learned about these two who had gone in 1815 after some period of time. There is no knowledge of any other persons who came at this time. It appears that John Steiner and family were may have been among the early settlers in Adams County, Indiana.[8]

The next year, the frosty 1816, another single Mennonite came to the United States. Jacob Schrag, age 23, from the Jura of Switzerland, came to Pennsylvania.[9] He must have been sent as a scout to check out the possibilities for he wrote home about the opportunities and advantages available in America.

The following year, 1817, Jacob's father, Bendicht Schrag, age 50 and a widower from three marriages, came with eight children.[10] Arriving with them were five other couples and a single young man. The single person was Hans Burkhalter, a nephew of Bendicht Schrag. He later married Barbara Schrag, a daughter of Bendicht and his first cousin. They eventually joined the Oak Grove Amish congregation in Wayne County, Ohio. With the group was Johannes (Hans) Nussbaum and his family who settled in Wayne County, Ohio, and later in Ashland County where he was a minister in the Mennonite Church. There is some question whether the Nussbaum family was Mennonite prior to settling in Ohio. Then there were Johannes and Elisabeth Jakob Augsburger of Langnau, Switzerland and their two children. Though he had been an Anabaptist, they were members of the Reformed Church when they made this trip. In time this family came to Adams County, Indiana, where they affiliated with the Baumgartner Mennonite Church.

The other three couples, who were the first Amish to arrive in the 1800s, were led by the renowned farmer Christian Augspurger with his wife Catharina Hauter and their seven children. They settled in Butler County, Ohio.[11] Secondly, there was minister Christian and Catherine Brandt and their four daughters. He was an Amish minister, ordained in Canton Bern, Switzerland, who settled in the Oak Grove Community of Wayne County, Ohio, and served the church there from 1818 to 1866.[12] The third couple was Johannes and Anna Wagler Vordemwald (Farmwald) and their seven children.[13] The Vordemwald family first settled in Wayne County, Ohio, then at mid-century in Lee County, Iowa, where he served as a Bishop.[14]

Those living in Switzerland worked out plans for the trip prior to leaving. They left Switzerland on June 18, 1817, by wagon and traveled overland to Strasbourg, France. There they sold their wagons and horses and on July 4, boarded a boat that took them down the Rhine, which flows North, to Amsterdam. Hans Nussbaum wrote a letter on February 8, 1818 from Ohio giving the details of their trip. What is noticeable is that the Christian Augsperger and Johannes Vordemwald families, who lived in France, are not mentioned. Thus they must have made the journey to Amsterdam separately and there joined the others

when they arranged for their passage to America. On the ship list made out when they landed in Philadelphia their names, except for the Augsburgers, are intermingled with the others named. In Amsterdam they were aided in making travel arrangements by a Dutch Mennonite minister.

Johannes Nussbaum wrote a second letter to relatives and friends in Europe telling of the ocean voyage. As the group included the family that would settle in Adams County, Nussbaum's description of the journey is of interest.

"On the 4th of July 1817 we boarded the frigate at Amsterdam. [The captain] looked after us very well . . . As the wind was not good, we could not sail until the 25th. By the 29th we had gotten only as far as we should have with only one day's good wind. On the 3rd of August we stopped at Texel [Holland] to load food. We had to wait until the 5th to sail. Then we had a good wind that gave us speed.... On the 8th of August we could still see the English coast. For the next four days we had bad wind. The captain decided to turn back and go completely around England through the North Sea. On the 17th we were in an area as cold as Switzerland in winter.... On September 11th we had an ill wind that blew us back. On the 16th we came on a fishing bank. We saw seven fishing ships there.... The captain went to one in a small boat and traded wine, cheese, and zwiebach for fish.... We saw the first land on October 5 and at the same time we got a pilot on board. But shortly we got into the worst storm that we encountered... waves were as large as high mountains. By the 9th the wind had abated enough for us to enter the Delaware River. Here we saw beautiful land on each side of us. This encouraged us greatly. At three o'clock in the afternoon we dropped anchor, and nurses from a clinic came to give us a physical examination. As we were all well, we could proceed to Philadelphia."[15]

Captain Francis' manifest for the ship *Brunette* dates the arrival in Philadelphia on October 11, 1817. Nussbaum reports that they were well treated, but having to spend three weeks waiting for a favorable wind before they could even leave Amsterdam, must have stretched their patience. Then having to back track and take a longer route to America to catch favorable winds was surely another trial.

Johannes and Elisabeth Jacob Augsburger endured a number of hardships before and during their journey to America. The Augsburger family had been Anabaptist for a couple of generations and had likely been expelled from the Emmental for the family was living in the Bishopric of Basel where he was born November 7, 1783. By some means, possibly through inheritance or family connections, Johannes obtained a farm back in the Langnau community. While here, he married Elisabeth on July 26, 1805. Her family was from Langnau where she was baptized in the Reformed Church on October 12, 1783. Her marriage occurred in nearby Signau where the family was living. Johannes added to their meager income from agriculture by weaving during the long winter evenings.

There was a shortage of farmland so land-owners and renters were viewed with envy by those wanting to farm. One evening as Johannes was returning from the village, he overheard some of his neighbors plotting the seizure of his farm. They accused him of being so drunk with wine that he was hardly able to walk. His church took the charge seriously so he was told to confess or be disciplined. Denying the charges, he was subsequently excommunicated. Being unfairly treated by his church, he united with the Reformed Church where Elizabeth may have continued to hold membership. The record does not indicate just how they lost their farm, but at some point they moved back to the Jura. Since they were now members of the Reformed Church, they are not listed in the record book of Anabaptist [*Wiedertaufer*] families of Langnau.

Though not affiliated with the same church, the Augsburgers, as noted, traveled with others to Amsterdam. Elisabeth was pregnant with their third child. Their first child, Anna, had died in infancy. Their second child, Elisabeth was born March 5, 1814, in Roche on Montagne de Moutier (Münsterberg) in the Jura, so was three years of age when the family made their journey. While in the Netherlands, Elisabeth gave birth to a son, named Johannes, on June 30 in the town of Muyden (Muiden), 10 km east of Amsterdam. Four days later, on July 3, they had the child

baptized in the Reformed Church of that town.[16] The next day they boarded the ship. The joy of having a son carrying the father's name turned to sorrow when the child died during the voyage and was buried at sea.

Johannes and Elisabeth's names are not grouped with the other Mennonites and Amish on board the ship, whose names are grouped together. And when they arrived in the States, they did not travel with others of the group from one Amish community to another until they came to Wayne County, Ohio. Rather, they stayed in Pennsylvania; first in Lycoming County and then around 1820, in Tioga County. Neither of these locations had Mennonite nor Amish settlements. This may indicate that they were still smarting over their treatment in Langnau.

The Expanding American Frontier

While the European countries were seeking to overcome several decades of turmoil, the situation on the western frontier in America was also a tremendous challenge for new settlers. Persons desiring to carve out farms on the western frontier needed to travel on Indian trails through virgin forests and swamps, cross numerous rugged hills and ford rivers and streams. Those who first came to Indiana territory settled in the southern part of the state. There they staked out claims in tree-covered land on which they hoped to make a living. In so doing they were invading the territory of various Indian tribes who inhabited the land.

Indiana (meaning land of the Indians) was part of the Northwest Territory that extended from the Pennsylvania border to the Mississippi River. This Territory was turned over to the United States through a peace treaty signed in Paris in 1786. The United States' treatment of the Indians into whose territory they were moving is a terribly tragic saga of un-kept promises and treaties, unnecessary military violence resulting in the death of large numbers, and the subsequent forced removal of the remnants of the survivors to Kansas. The land the United States won in battle and evacuated of Indians was soon opened up for settlement.

The first settlers in Indiana, following the Ohio River, began making their homes at the southern end of the state. By 1810 the population of present day Indiana had reached 24,520. Six years later, in 1816 when Indiana became a state, the population had grown to 63,897.

When a new state was established, all its untitled land became a part of the public domain under the Federal government. A federal ordinance had been passed in 1785 dealing with the question of how to dispose of the public domain. These guidelines applied to seven ranges, consisting of rows of townships, in Ohio, but it set many of the policies for the sale of public lands in other newly established states.

The ordinance established the grid system under which all land was to be surveyed. The basic survey unit was a six-mile square township. After the lands had been surveyed, they were offered for sale. In subsequent sales of the land these transactions were managed by the county offices. These granted titles and deeds.

The land in this part of the state was surveyed in 1822. To make the land available to settlers, offices were set up in various places in the state. A land office was established in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 8, 1822. Land was soon available for purchase from the Michigan border on the north to the southern border of Randolph and Madison counties. It extended from the Ohio border westward including what became Howard, Huntington and Wabash counties.

Early on the land was sold in sections (640 acres) or half sections (320 acres.) The minimum price set in 1800 was $2 per acre. Initially land could be purchased on credit with only one twentieth of the cost placed on deposit. But in 1820 the credit system was abolished and all land had to be paid for on the day of purchase. To make the land available to more persons, the price was reduced to $1.25 per acre and land could be purchased in half-quarter sections (80 acres) as well. Then in 1832 the act was revised again to make it possible to purchase public lands at private sale in quarter-quarter sections (40 acres).

The first parcel of land to be sold by the Fort Wayne land office was purchased on October 23, 1823. Land continued to be sold through this office until February 21, 1852. Adams County was formed in 1835 and a government established in 1836. Records of land ownership and sales were then managed by the county. When purchasers came to the Fort Wayne office, they

could examine a plat book to find a tract that interested them. They registered their choice in a tract book, which was arranged by townships. The clerk then noted the name of the purchaser and the date of the transaction.

When land was purchased through the Fort Wayne land office, the clerks gave each purchaser a receipt with a number that was recorded in these land record books. Once the land was registered, the purchaser paid for the land. The Clerk entered each transaction in chronological order, recording the date, the name of the purchaser, often the county residence of the purchaser, along with the receipt number. The purchaser than received a patent granting him full title to the tract.

The Physical Characteristic of Adams County

Adams County is situated twelve miles southeast of the center of Fort Wayne so is bounded on the north by Allen County. The Ohio border is to the east. On the west is Wells County and Jay County is to the south. Adams County covers an area that is 24 miles north to south and 14 miles east to west. It is divided into twelve civil townships comprising 336 square miles.

Curving through the northern part of Indiana in the southern half of Adams County is a narrow sub-continental divide. Dwarfed by the gigantic mountainous Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains this divide is a minuscule ridge rising a mere 875 feet. Yet it is significant to note that rain that falls on the northern side of the divide forms the streams, rivers and lakes that eventually reach the Atlantic Ocean, while rain on the southern slope flows into the Wabash River and thence into the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. Berne is situated atop this divide. An Indian trail followed much of this divide in the early days.

The major river south of the divide is the Wabash that enters the county through the southeastern township of Jefferson. It continues in a northwesterly direction through Wabash, Hartford and French townships.

The major river north of the divide is the St. Marys River, which enters the middle of Adams County from Ohio and continues northwest to Fort Wayne. This "watershed" in Wabash Township is referred to as the "White Oak Ridge" for white oak trees predominated on this divide. The altitude in Adams County varies between 775 and 875 feet.

The land along the divide was some of the earliest to be settled as there were fewer problems in farming the high ground. Adams County had very good soil for farming in the early days. It is estimated that there was about a foot of top soil above the clay bed. This was fertile ground for the crops the settlers planted. For those who came from the Jura of Switzerland, where the hills have a thin layer of soil with many rocks, this productive land was highly prized.

There were swampy areas on both sides of the divide. Initially these areas were not sold by the land office as they were not easily developed for farming. The US government turned this land over to the state and it was subsequently sold. These low-lying areas nurtured centuries of plant growth that make it very fertile. However, the plows used at that time were not able to cut through the root system and the frequent flooding was another problem. In time the land was ditched and later tiled to drain it of excess water, to make it useable. To this day, with heavy rain, the areas continue to flood.

Early on persons traveling through Adams County followed Indian trails or traces.[17] The word trace is an archaic term that means to traverse or travel over. The Godfrey Trail, named after Chief Godfrey, connected the Godfrey Indian Reservation in Blackford County, Indiana with the Rivare Reservation in St. Marys Township, Adams County, Indiana. The Canoper Trail was an alternative route for a part of this Godfrey Trail. These trails merged into the Quaker Trace, that was a north-south trail. It was so named because of the large Quaker settlement in the Richmond, Indiana area. It is said this trace was a beaten path connecting the Indian village of Kekionga, now Fort Wayne, at the beginning of the Maumee River to the major east-west Cumberland road at Richmond, Indiana.

An east-west trail followed the left bank of the Wabash River, down stream, from Fort Recovery, Ohio to the Flint Springs where Huntington, Indiana is today. Along the Wabash River were low lands that flooded repeatedly. These swamps and low lands were breeding grounds for mosquitos that carried parasites causing malaria fever.

Because the land in these former swamps and flood plains is so fertile, farmers today are able to break even if they reap only one crop out of three. The fact that there was sufficient land that was suitable for farming made this area an attractive one to the Swiss who settled here despite the problems they faced. One advantage was that wells could be dug most anywhere for water for all household and animal needs.

The Arrival of Swiss Farmers

Swiss farmers were not rushing to Fort Wayne to purchase this newly available land. In fact the land office in Fort Wayne had been open for two years before any of them came to purchase land in Adams County.[18] While the Swiss who came to purchase land are not identified by their church affiliation, one can quite confidently, but not absolutely, recognize them by their surnames. And since their place of residence at the time of purchase is usually given, this provides corroborating evidence.

The first known Swiss to purchase land through the Fort Wayne office was John V. Gundy of Ohio who purchased 160 acres on October 18, 1825, in what is now Allen County.[19] The town of New Haven is situation on the land he purchased. In the record of his purchase the county in which he was living in Ohio is not given. But as early as 1819, a John Gunden (Gundy), married to Catherine Schmidt, is found among the Amish in Butler County, Ohio.[20]

John. V. Gundy began clearing his land by girdling the trees so that they could be burned when they had died and dried out. The land was known for several years as "Gendy's Deadening". He may have owned the land only a brief time for on September 17, 1836, a Simon Rogers conveyed part of it to Eben Burgess.

As for land in Adams County, three and a half months after the purchase by Gundy, a Lewis Staufer of Wayne County, Ohio, bought 80 acres on February 3, 1826. He probably was either Amish or Mennonite. The same year Peter Steiner, a Mennonite from Wayne County, Ohio, purchased 80 acres November 9, 1826. The next year, only Christian Roth, Amish, came from Wayne County. He obtained 82 acres on August 18, 1827.

Then for six years we do not find the familiar names of any Swiss among the buyers. On October 7, 1833, Michael Yost of Allen County, IN purchased 40 acres. Again, over a year and a half passed before other Swiss arrived to purchase land. Three men from Allen County, Indiana, all likely Amish, came to purchase land in 1835. They were Jacob Richer, Allen Miller, and Abraham Miller. From this time on interest in Adams County spread among the Swiss immigrants. No doubt experienced farmers scouted out the territory and then reported back to their friends the area they [21]recommended for purchasing farmland.

In 1836, the boom year in land sales, nineteen persons arrived to purchase land. That year 1,294, 357 acres were sold.[22] When Mennonite, Amish and Reformed Swiss farmers purchased land in Adams County, they concentrated on Hartford, Wabash, French and Monroe townships. Six Mennonites and several Reformed men also purchased land in Harrison Township in Wells County.

Here are listed those who purchased land during the first fifteen years. An asterisk indicates those who made more than one purchase.

Land Purchases Made in Adams and Wells County, Indiana

Name	Residence	Acres	Date of Purchase	Receipt
1. Lewis Staufer	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 18, 1825	017625
2. Peter Steiner*	Wayne Co., OH	80	Nov. 09, 1826	
3. Christian Roth*	Wayne Co., OH	82	Aug. 18, 1826	
4. Michael Yost	Allen Co., IN	40	Oct. 07, 1833	
5. Jacob Richer (Rich)	Allen Co., IN	160	July 13, 1835	
6. Allen Miller	Allen Co., IN	80	Dec. 31, 1835	
7. Abraham Miller	Allen Co., IN	80	Dec. 31, 1835	

Name	Residence	Acres	Date of Purchase	Receipt
8. John Miller	(not given)	59.71	Mar. 08, 1836	
9. Jeremiah Krider*	Stark Co., OH	108	May 26, 1836	
10. Jeremiah Krider*	Stark Co., OH	108.08	May 26, 1836	
11. Godfrey Myers	Stark Co., OH	80	May 26, 1836	
12. Matthias Lehman	Stark Co., OH	80	July 13, 1836	
13. Joshua Mosisman (Mosiman)	Allen Co., IN	80	July 13, 1836	
14. Samuel Neff	Montgomery Co., OH	159.47	Aug. 29, 1836	
15. John Miller	Mercer Co., OH	74.20	Oct. 08, 1836	
16. Christian Baer*(Beer)	Wayne Co., OH	320	Oct. 22, 1836	015322
17. Christian Bumgardner (Baumgartner)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 22, 1836	015323
18. John Beiler	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 22, 1836	015324
19. Phoebe Good	Butler Co., OH	80	Nov. 03, 1836	
20. Henry Good	Butler Co., OH	240	Nov. 03, 1836	
21. Magdalena Good	Butler Co., OH	80	Nov. 03, 1836	
22. Richard Hartman	Wayne Co., OH	160	Nov. 03, 1836	
23. Samuel Landis	Butler Co., OH	160	Nov. 03, 1836	
24. Peter Steiner*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Nov. 09, 1836	015941
25. Jacob Conrad	Wayne Co., OH	160	Nov. 09, 1836	015952
26. Isaak Conrad	(not given)	160	Nov. 09, 1836	
27. Christian Sowers*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Feb. 03, 1837	017623
28. John Sowers	Wayne Co., OH	160	Feb. 03, 1837	017624
29. Christian Roth*	(not given)	162.41	Feb. 08, 1837	
30. Samuel Claudon	(not given)	160	Feb. 11, 1837	
31. Abraham Falb	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 06, 1837	018246
32. Christian Bear* (Beer)	Wayne Co., OH	80	Mar. 06, 1837	018248
33. Abraham Johns*(Tschantz)	Wayne Co., OH	236	Mar. 06, 1837	018249
34. Peter Johns* (Tschantz)	Wayne Co., OH	80	Mar. 06, 1837	018250
35. John Bumgardner* (Baumgartner)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 06, 1837	018252
36. Jacob Bixler	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 06, 1837	018253
37. Peter Bumgardner (Baumgartner)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 06, 1837	018254
38. Christian Johns (Tschantz)	Wayne Co., OH	80	Mar. 06, 1837	018255
39. Jacob Conrad	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 06, 1837	018358
40. John Pierre Merilat	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018251
41. Jacob Nofziger	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018259
42. Jacob Nofziger	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018359
43. Christian Moser	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018360
44.Peter Schindler	Wayne Co., OH	60	Mar. 13, 1837	018361
45. John Schindler	Wayne Co., OH	360	Mar. 13, 1837	018362
46. John Augsburger	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018363
47. Jacob Leichty	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018364
48. Peter Schaht (Schad)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018365
49. Peter Mosey (Moser)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018366
50. Daniel Conrad	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 13, 1837	018367
51. Christian Steiner*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 20, 1837	018498
52. Ulrich Neuenschwander	Wayne Co., OH	320	Mar. 20, 1837	018499

Name	Residence	Acres	Date of Purchase	Receipt
53. John Steiner*	Wayne Co., OH	131.54	Mar. 20, 1837	018500
54. David Hilty	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 20, 1837	018502
55. Ulrich Steiner	Wayne Co., OH	178.68	Mar. 20, 1837	018503
56. Jacob Habegger	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 20, 1837	018504
57. David Welty	Wayne Co., OH	271.60	Mar. 20, 1837	
58. John Gerber*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 28, 1837	018631
59. Elizabeth Gerber	Wayne Co., OH	320	Mar. 29, 1837	018632
60. John Amstutz*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 29, 1837	019633
61. Peter Gerber	Wayne Co., OH	320	Mar. 29, 1837	018635
62. John Gerber*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 29, 1837	018635-?
63. John Amstutz*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 29, 1837	018636
64. John Loganbile (Luginbühl)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 29, 1837	018637
65. John Leichty (Liechty)	Wayne Co., OH	77.04	Mar. 29, 1837	018638
66. Philip King	Adams Co., IN	160	Apr. 28, 1837	
67. Christian Esch	Holmes Co., OH	160	Apr. 29, 1937	019118
68. Jacob Mast	Holmes Co., OH	320	Apr. 29, 1837	019119
69. Ulrich Amstutz	Wayne Co., OH	160	Apr. 29, 1837	019120
70. Noah Miller*	Holmes Co., OH	160	Apr. 29, 1837	019122
71. Adam Geiger	Crawford Co., OH	70.32	Apr. 29, 1837	019123
72. John M. Schrock	Holmes Co., OH	360	Apr. 29, 1837	
73. Christian Sowers*	Wayne Co., OH	160	May 14, 1837	017623 ?
74. Martin Coffman	Fairfield Co., OH	80	May 15, 1837	
75. Samuel Miller	Stark Co., OH	80	May 16, 1837	
76. Peter Stoll*	Wayne Co., OH	78.10	May 18, 1837	
77. Noah Miller*	Wabash Township		May 29, 1837	
78. John Bumgardner* (Baumgartner)	Wayne Co., OH	160	May 31, 1837	
79. John Steiner*	Putnam Co., OH	321.05	June 23, 1837	020213
80. Christian Lugibuhl*	Putnam Co., OH	319.35	June 24, 1837	020214
81. Christian Lugibuhl*	Putnam Co., OH	80	June 24, 1837	
82. Christian Lugibuhl, Sr.	Putnam Co., OH	80	June 24, 1837	020219
83. John Steiner*	Putnam Co., OH	80	June 24, 1837	020219 ?
84. John Lugibuhl	Putnam Co., OH	180	June 24, 1837	
85. Matthias Engel	Allen Co., IN,	80	Aug. 4, 1837	
86. Christian Roth *	Wayne Co., OH	82.39	Aug. 18, 1837	
87. George Moyer	Holmes Co., OH	80	Oct. 10, 1837	
88. Andrew Miller	Stark Co., OH	80	Nov. 6, 1837	
89. John Rich	Wayne Co., OH	160	Nov. 18, 1837	021291
90.Jacob Conrad	Wayne Co., OH	160	Nov. 18, 1837	021292
91. Peter Stoll*	Wayne Co., OH.	315.49	Nov. 18, 1837	021293
92. Christian Roth*		162.41	Nov. 18, 1837	
93. Peter Chones* (Tschantz)		80	May 23, 1838	
94. Abraham Chones (Tschantz)*	Wayne Co., OH	80	May 23, 1838	02184795.
Christian Baer* (Beer)		160	May 26, 1838	
96. John Casper Schmucker	Pickaway Co., OH	160	Aug. 29, 1838	022267
97. Abraham Laman (Lehman)		160	Sep. 28, 1838	
98. Christian Steiner*	Wayne Co., OH	80	Oct. 13, 1838	022596
99. Christian Stauffer	Wayne Co., OH	166.58	Oct. 16, 1838	022597

Name	Residence	Acres	Date of Purchase	Receipt
100. Henry Moyer	Starke Co., OH	80	Oct. 16, 1838	022598
101. Elizabeth Steiner	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 16, 1838	022600
102. Michael Rupp	Wayne Co., OH	164.60	Oct. 16, 1838	022978
103. Christian Baer* (Beer)		80	Oct. 20, 1838	
104. Christian Swartzentruber		80	Oct. 20, 1838	
105. Christian Baer* (Beer)		240	Oct. 26, 1838	
106. John Jacob Miller		160	Oct. 26, 1838	
107. John Louis Steiner	Wayne Co., OH	80	Oct. 26, 1838	022778
108. John Neuenschwander	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 26, 1838	022780
109. Barbara Snider (Snyder)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Oct. 26, 1838	022977
110. Christian Neuschander (Neuenschwander)	Wayne Co., OH	160	Mar. 10, 1839	
111. John Beyler*		80	Nov. 11, 1839	
112. Peter Myer		160	Mar. 26, 1839	
113. Charles D. Nussbaum	Wayne Co., OH	240	Apr. 19, 1839	023806
114. Peter Lamon*(Lehman?)	Knox Co., OH	360	Apr. 22, 1839	023813
115. Abraham Johns*(Tschantz)	Wayne Co., OH	80	May 15, 1839	023962
116. John Beyler*		160	May 26, 1839	
117. Andrew Wanner		80	July 26, 1839	
118. John Detwiler	Fairfield Co., OH	160	Sep. 06, 1839	024451
119. John Beyler*		240	Sep. 24, 1839	
120. John Byler*	Wayne Co., OH	80	Sep. 26, 1839	024501
121. John Byler*	Wayne Co., OH	160	Sep. 29, 1839	024504
122. Peter Myer		320	Sep. 26, 1839	
123. Daniel Stoner (Steiner)		240	Sep. 27, 1839	
124. Joseph Weaver		160	Oct. 17, 1839	
125. Peter Lehman*	Adams Co., IN	40	Oct. 18, 1839	024895
126. William Lehman*	Knox Co., OH	160	Nov. 04, 1839	024718
127. William Lehman*		80	Nov.11, 1839	024718
128. John Sutter		80	Apr. 21, 1840	
129. Christian Sutter	Wayne Co., OH	158.40	Sep. 29, 1840	025018
130. Christian Hilty	Wayne Co., OH	80	Sep. 29, 1840	025019
131. Peter Steiner*		80	Sep. 29, 1840	
132. Michael Stoner (Steiner)		80	Oct. 21, 1840	

In checking through various sources we found that from October 18, 1825 through 1840 there were 132 purchases of land in Adams in Adams County that had been made by 104 individuals who could have been Amish, Mennonite or Reformed. Of these, on the basis of their surnames, we roughly estimate that there were about an equal number Amish and Mennonites, and about seven Reformed families.

Eighteen of these men made additional purchases. Two men, Peter Steiner and John Steiner made three purchases; two men, Christian Baer (likely Beer) and Christian Roth, made four purchases; and one man, John Byler, made five purchases.

We do not know which of the men who purchased land stayed on their property and began to clear it and to build a log house. Most of the Amish and Mennonites who made purchases in the first years do not appear in the 1840 and 1850 Adams County census records. Thus quite a few must have invested in land to make a profit when prices rose after more people came into Indiana in the next years.

Four women bought land in their own name. Phoebe and Magdalena Good of Butler County, Ohio each purchased 80 acres in their own name on November 3, 1836. Henry Good, made a

purchase the same day. Elizabeth Steiner of Wayne County, Ohio purchased 160 acres on October 16, 1838, and Barbara Snider (likely Snyder) of Wayne County, Ohio purchased 160 acres on October 26, 1838.

In 1837 we find the rush of buyers continuing to purchase land through the Fort Wayne office. There were more than 5,000 purchases that one year. Among them were twenty-five Amish and Mennonites. It is not known if the buyers went to inspect the land in the area where they had interest, or whether they made their selection by following the advice of others who had purchased land and by studying the available maps.

At this time there were only a few Indians left in the state and likely none of them were living in Adams County. There had been a small community living along the banks of the St. Mary's River near the present town of Pleasant Mills, just a few miles from the Ohio border. This Rivare reservation was evacuated of tribal members about this time. Thus, the new owners of the land probably never saw the former residents.

Among the purchasers there was at least one Amish minister, No. 40, John Rich (Johannes Richer). John's grandson, Noah C. Hirschy wrote that his grandfather was "the first Mennonite minister in that (Berne) community."[23] It would have been more accurate to have identified him as Amish Mennonite since he had come from the Territory of Montbeliard, France.

Amish settle in Adams County

It is difficult to determine which of the above purchasers of land immediately, or shortly afterward, made their homes in Adams County after they bought land. In the 1850 census only five of the persons who had purchased land in 1837 were now in Adams County. The 1840 census of Adams County is not too helpful for two pages of information are illegible. But the census does give us three possible Amish men with two families. They are: Christian Swatzentruber/Schwartzenweber/Schwartzen-drover, single and age 20 - 30; Philip Snyder (Schneider) and wife age 20-30, with a daughter 10-15, another under 5, and three sons under five; and Henry Stoffer (likely Stauffer) and wife age 20-30 and three children under five.

Christian Schwartzentruber was unmarried when the census taker came around in 1840, but he did marry and continued to live in Adams County. He had purchased 80 acres on October 24, 1838 so he could have settled on his land any time between that date and 1840. In the history of the community that "The Berne Witness" ran on December 10, 1896 there is this account of him.

> *At that time there lived already on the present Isaac Zurcher farm a man named Christian Schwartzentruber, a shoemaker by trade. He was a light-hearted fellow and was the center of attraction at the time. He had built a small log house a little to the north of the present buildings. It had only one window with a small glass, and that was on the north side - probably to keep sight of the north star that he might know in what direction he had his feet stretched when he roosted at night, for there are people who can't sleep a wink all night when they don't know which is east or west in their dormitory. After some time he built another house on the site of the present buildings and made two windows on the north side.*

The 1850 census gives his age as 39 and married to a Susanna who was 37. They both are listed as from Germany. Four children had been born to them since the 1840 census, Mary (age 9), Jacob (age 8), Adam (age 2), and Joseph (one month old). By 1896 the parents must have been long gone from the community for the paper to have printed their humorous account.

Philip Snyder could be the Philip Schneider who was married to Anna Elizabeth Nafziger.[24] No further information about Henry Stauffer has been found. He may have been a Mennonite. These two men do not appear in the 1850 census.

Amish minister John (Johann) Rich (Richer) and family do not appear in the available 1840 census record. It was a couple years later that the family moved from Ohio to Adams County where he had purchased 160 acres on November 18, 1837. He may have come to the area to begin clearing the land in preparation for farming prior to moving his family onto their land.

From the census record it appears that in 1840 the Amish community may have consisted

of a single man, two couples, and eight minor children.

The First Mennonite settlers in Adams County

From the land purchase records, it appears that there were quite a few persons who had money to invest in land. Other immigrants, who had a good reputation, borrowed money to make a purchase.

A family that was very influential to the beginning of the Mennonite settlement in Adams County, Indiana and its subsequent development was the extended family of the veteran Mennonite minister David Baumgartner. Born on January 25, 1763 in Combe de Péry, Courtelary, Canton Bern Switzerland, he was the descendant of several leading Anabaptist ministers of the Langnau congregation in the Emmental. His father, David Baumgartner (1737-1819) was a Deacon in the Courgemont congregation. The Baumgartner family had been forced into exile by the government of Switzerland in the early 1600s. Then they resided in the Bishopric of Basel. After the French Revolution the family returned to their ancestral farm Dursrutti near Langnau. David lived there until his first child was born when he returned to the Jura to live at Combe de Péry, just east of Péry.

David Baumgartner (M1) was chosen and ordained as a minister in 1789 at age 23. He became an Elder some time later. In January 1835 he with three other ministers from the Jura went to Langnau seeking to resolve the differences that had arisen under the influence of Samuel Frohlich. They were unsuccessful so subsequently there was a group that withdrew and formed what became the Apostolic Christian Church. We find him named as the officiating minister of several weddings that took place in the Jura.

The United States was appealing to David Baumgartner as he had said "goodbye" to two sons who had left earlier. His first son, David, had married Barbara Welty on April 3, 1824, and shortly afterward left for the United States and settled in Wayne County, Ohio, in July. Then his son Johann (John) married Katharina Amstutz on February 16, 1833, and followed his brother to Ohio. In making the move, David had the opportunity of reuniting with his children and learning to know his eight grandchildren. David and Johann were children from his first two wives.

But leaving Switzerland was also bittersweet. His oldest daughter, Katharina, married to Johann Ramseier, had three children, and died before he left Switzerland. Two of the grandchildren would eventually follow him to this country. He was also saying "goodbye" to his second son, Abraham and family, and to his daughter, Anna and her husband Peter Lehman, never to see them again.

The Baumgartner family was not well off financially for they had to go into debt to pay for their passage to America. Since the family was large, they may not have been able to lay aside any sizeable amount of money following the disastrous economic years they had experienced earlier.

The Baumgartner family made the trip to the United States with ten other families and two single men. A total of sixty-six persons can be identified as possible Mennonites on the ship list. By this time, Le Havre, France was the favored port for boarding ships to America. To reach this port it was less expensive to provide their own transportation than to purchase passage on a Rhine boat. The families likely made up a wagon train that went from Basel to Paris, and then on to the coast. It is not known just when they left home, but they arrived in New York on July 31, 1835, on the ship *Brunette*.[25] Having borrowed money to pay for their trip to America, the Baumgartner group had a debt to work off before they could move on to find a farm. He wrote the following to friends in Switzerland in 1849:

> *When we arrived in Wayne County, Ohio, we were $90.00 in debt; but thanks be to God, we were well and could work. Christian and Peter worked at the carpenter trade building houses and barns. Samuel was with Abraham Zuercher and received good wages. I worked in the book bindery, and mother helped to make garments, so that in a little more than two years we were out of debt, but had no land. In Sonnenberg the land was quite high. We heard that in Indiana, there was yet much land, that one could buy from the government for $200 per*

160 acres.

Christian, with some others came to Indiana, and after him Peter; but the land had to be paid in cash. Good friends loaned us enough money to buy two quarter sections.[26]

Credit for being the first Mennonites to settle in the community goes to Christian and Verena (Schrag) Baumgartner and his younger unmarried brother, Peter.[27] Christian had purchased 160 acres on October 22, 1836, in Wells County. But he and his wife did not come to make a home on the land until they arrived September 15, 1838. They married just the month before in Wayne County, Ohio, on August 4, 1838. Her parents were Ulrich Schrag and Catharina Stauffer who arrived in 1817 with two children of which Verena was the oldest. Ulrich was the oldest son of Bendicht.

Shortly after they arrived, they erected a small log cabin and began to clear some of the trees off the land. Their water came from the Wabash River, half a mile away. Rail fences needed to be set up to pen up the livestock at night, both to keep them from straying and to protect them from the bears and wolves. Initially the livestock was permitted to run loose to graze during the daytime, but they needed to be rounded up each evening. In time, pastures would have rail fences to keep the animals near by. Some early immigrants kept their animals tied up close to the house at night for their protection.

Before long Verena was pregnant. It is not known whether it was her pregnancy or just a desire to see her parents again, but Christian and Verena returned to Ohio. It is not known if brother Peter also returned or whether he remained to work on his own land in Adams County.

Peter and his older brother John (Johann) Baumgartner, had come to Indiana and purchased 160 acres each in Adams County on March 6, 1837, and John came again on May 31 to purchase another 160 acres. To Peter Baumgartner goes the credit for being the first Mennonite to purchase land and settle in Adams County.

By August 1839, Christian and Verena, along with his parents and siblings and the Merillat family, were ready to make a permanent move from Wayne County, Ohio, to Adams County, Indiana. Being just a month away from the time her baby was due, Verena was in no condition to walk, or even ride, on a jerking wagon the 200 miles across country over the rough road to their farm. They chose a more expensive and lengthy way to travel that was a lot easier for her. They seemingly went north to Cleveland and there boarded a boat on Lake Erie to get to Toledo. From there they had a smooth ride on a canal boat to Fort Wayne. Their first child, Samuel, was born September 14, 1839, the first baby born to a Mennonite family in Wells County.

David Baumgartner wrote in a letter that when his family made the move they had "followed Christian and Peter to Indiana." Christian and Verena must have arrived at their new home just shortly before the other two families completed the trip by wagon. There, with Peter, they welcomed the new arrivers. Left behind in Wayne County was David's oldest son, David (age 41), who had arrived and settled in Wayne County in 1822. He, with his wife Barbara (Welty) and seven children, were well established in Ohio so never made the move to Indiana.

So, it was in August 1839, that minister David and Barbara (Steiner) Baumgartner arrived with the Merillat family.[28] David was seventy-six years of age and Barbara was fifty-eight. She was his third wife as the previous two, Elisabeth Moser and Anna Bichsel, had died in Switzerland. With them came his unmarried daughters, Barbara (age 26), Elisabeth (age 23), and Maria (age 18) and son Samuel (age 21). The women were expected to work alongside the men in their various tasks.

Coming with the Baumgartners were Jean Pierre (Johann Peter) and Magdalena Kirchhofer Merillat. He was a French speaking man who had emigrated from the community of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, arriving in Wayne County, Ohio, as a single person in 1821. He was not a Mennonite when he arrived, but he had lived among them in the Jura as a boy.

In coming to America he settled in Wayne County, Ohio among Mennonites, so decided to unite with them. He was baptized in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on April 22,

1832, the only person baptized that day. Then on March 31, 1833, he married Magdalena, the daughter of David and Barbara Thuller Kirchhofer. Magdalena came to Wayne County, Ohio, from the same area of Switzerland with her parents in 1919. Merillat had purchased 160 acres in Wells County on March 13, 1837. He and Magdalena then waited two years before moving to Wells County with their two children Elisabeth (age 5) and David (age 3).[29]

The same month after the Baumgartner and Merillat families arrived the family of Christen and Christina Pfister Steiner moved in.[30] The Steiner family had come to America on the same boat as the Baumgartners, so they also came here from Wayne County, Ohio, arriving August 31, 1839. With them were their seven children: Elisabeth (age 23), Barbara (age 21), Maria (age 20), Daniel (age 17), Anna (age 15), Peter (age 12) and Katharina (age 8). Christen and Christina were married in the community of Florimont, France, on March 28, 1815, by her father, minister Peter Pfister of the Langnau *Taufer* congregation, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They arrived in America in the Chippewa community of Wayne County, Ohio in the spring of 1825. He had purchased 160 acres in Adams County on November 9, 1836. Then a year after they moved to Adams County he purchased another 80 acres on September 29, 1840.

Also arriving on August 31 was Johann (John) Stauffer who was 18 years of age. His mother was a cousin of Christen Steiner, so he likely traveled with the Steiner family and initially lived with them.

A month and a half later, on October 20, 1839, two more families arrived. Peter and Katharina Oberli Moser came with their six children, Abraham (age 14), Isaak (age 12), Jakob (age 9), Peter (age 8), Ulrich (age 5), and David J. (age 3). Katharina was seven months pregnant and on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1839, gave birth to Thomas. A real Christmas present![31] They settled in French Township where he purchased 160 acres on March 13, 1837. The family had come to America, arriving in Wayne County, Ohio, on July 4, 1832. Arriving as late as they did in the fall, they would have been pushed hard to get a cabin built before snow fell in December. Those who had come earlier no doubt gave them assistance in erecting their log cabin.

Arriving with the Moser family were minister David's son Johann (John) Baumgartner, and wife Katharina (Amstutz) with their four children, David (age 5), John J. (age 3), Marianna (age 2) and Abraham (age 1).[32] Having extended family members made their task of getting settled easier.

The following spring Christian and Maria Steiner Stauffer with their four children, Peter (age 7), Verena (age 4), David (age 2) and Daniel (11 months) arrived on April 16, 1840.[33] Maria's nineteen-year old son Johann Stauffer (Jr.) was already here, having come on August 31, 1839, with the Steiners. He was a child from her first husband Johann Stauffer. (Johann , Sr. had been killed in Wayne County, Ohio by a falling tree in a wooded area that was being cleared. He and Maria had immigrated to America about 1820.) Christian Stauffer was a nephew of her first husband. He and Maria had been married by a Dunkard preacher in Ohio. The Mennonite ministers may have had some reservations about their marriage, so could have been unwilling to officiate.

Altogether there were seven Mennonite families that came to Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana during the years 1838 - 1840. At the end of 1840 there was a total of seven couples, eight single persons above the age of eighteen, and twenty-two children, for a total of forty-four persons making up the Mennonite community. Of the seven couples, three were Baumgartners - the parents and two sons and their spouses.

Pioneer Life in Adams County

The trip from Wayne County, Ohio to Adams County, Indiana was a distance of some 200 miles. David Baumgartner wrote that when they and the Merillats made the trip they each had a wagon that was pulled by a team of oxen. They also had two cows each. The wagon they used would have been a regular farm wagon, which could carry between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds. Most likely they took the road that became the Lincoln Highway, US 30. Because the first fifty miles was through the hills of central Ohio, travel was very slow. Their wagons, being pulled by a pair of oxen, would have averaged about eight miles per day. As they reached flatter country,

travel was a lot easier and a little faster. When they came to western Ohio the road is on a series of low ridges that are moraines; ridges of sand and rock left by a glacier. On these ridges was a well-worn Indian trail that had been traveled by many settlers on their trek west. It is possible that the road on the ridges would not have been seriously affected by heavy rain. On the first part of their journey there were already established places along the road where they found lodging for the night. Only two nights were spent camping out along the road.[34]

When David Baumgartner with his wife and four children arrived at Christian and Verena's log cabin they saw it was totally inadequate to accommodate them. He wrote,

> *When we came to our land, we found Christian sick with a fever, in a small log house, in which there was no room for us. We had to live nine days in a 'Laubhuette' (a lean-to hut made of leafy branches).*[35]
> He goes on to tell more details.
> *The first thing we did was to dig a well for water, for except for the river (Wabash) there were no springs. We found water, then made a log house and lived together, until we had also made one for Merillats to move in. We were glad when we had houses to live in and water to drink, but we had little to live on.*[36]

Christian and Peter must have cut down sufficient trees during the winter before so that there were sufficient logs to erect a house so quickly. The log house built for David and family must have been quite large, possibly having two rooms, if both the Baumgartner six and the Merillat four could be accommodated.

Making the trip to Indiana from Ohio in August was a wise decision. Since they were farmers, the timing was geared to the harvest seasons. Garden and grain produce would have been harvested and prepared for winter. In their wagons they brought a small amount of household goods along with the food they had prepared for winter. They would have brought some grain, but only a small amount. It was possible to purchase grain and flour in Fort Wayne during the winter. No doubt they expected the few cows and oxen they had to survive on the grass that grew in various places. Chickens are not mentioned, but all farmers had a number on hand. Farm implements and tools essential to making a new home also had to be on the wagon. They could bring only the bare minimum of items in the limited space they had in their wagon.

By coming in August they had time to erect cabins and sheds before winter set in, and to prepare some ground for planting a garden and other crops in the spring. With a simple plow, a shovel or two, and hoes to work with, all their tasks were labor intensive. The oxen they had were useful in dragging the felled logs as they cleared spaces in the forest. Only a small amount of land would have been ready for planting the following spring. Large stumps would have remained in the fields for a year or two until they were dry enough to be burned out. Trees were girdled - a circle of bark removed - to kill them in preparation for burning. Smoke from the burning logs and tree stumps was commonplace.

Though the soil in Wells and Adams counties was good topsoil, with the limited farm equipment they had, it would have taken some time to break up the ground for crops. Plows at this time had a metal point to break up the ground, but tree roots needed to be removed before the ground could be worked. Better plows and harrows were being produced, but with limited funds they may not have had the resources to get the latest improvements.

The Swiss immigrants were experienced farmers who knew how to work soil to their best advantage. And since they now owned their own farms, every acre they were able to clear and prepare for crops was a labor of love. One can hardly imagine what it must have felt like to those who bought as much as 120 acres or more to hold a deed to the land in their own hands. In Switzerland, they had only been renters for more than a hundred years.

The log cabins that were erected were quite small, averaging 16 by 20 feet. Some were built with two stories. Some had only a flat roof made of logs on which was piled up to six inches of dirt. If they built a slanted roof, in the loft under the roof was space for the children to sleep. A fireplace made of logs lined with mud was their source of heat for cooking and warmth. Log

cabins continued to be built into the 1880s.

Candles made of tallow from animal fat provided their light after dark. Such candles gave off quite a bit of smoke and often a bad odor. Bee's wax was preferred for making candles when it was available.

The Baumgartner and Merillat families had two cows each so they both had a supply of milk and thus could make their own butter and favorite Emmental cheese and cottage cheese. For meat, there were a good number of deer, wild hogs, turkeys and geese in the woods and along the rivers. In addition there were squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, ducks, and other game and fish that made it possible for them to have a varied diet. Some families would not have been averse to eating muskrats, and beavers that were still in the area. The pelts from these animals, along with fox and skunks, were an added source of income.

Wolves still existed in the area and periodically they were heard howling in the distance. They were a constant threat to their calves, sheep and pigs.[37] Farmers got together to hunt them by forming a large circle and then closing in on the animals. Dogs were used to kill the wolves, as it was too dangerous to shoot a gun. The county offered a bounty for each wolf scalp.

Wild hogs and deer were a plague for they invaded the gardens and cornfields that were maturing and did significant damage.[38] By the time the Mennonites and Amish arrived, buffalo were no longer in existence. There were a number in the area as late as 1800, but by 1810 they had all been killed. Thus they were not a threat to their planted fields as the Indians and earliest settlers had experienced.

Nuts from the hickory, hazel, beech and walnut trees in the area supplemented their diet as did the maple syrup they were able to make each spring. Wild fruit bearing bushes added variation to their diet. It did not take them long to plant orchards with apple, pear, plum and cherry trees along with vineyards. Accustomed to drinking wine with their meals, the means for making this beverage had a high priority.

In his letter David Baumgartner also told about their food situation ten years later, in 1849.

> *The potatoes were $1.00 per bushel. We only bought for planting, for the summer was very dry, and there were only a few planted. Flour per barrel is at present $4.50; we had to pay $10.80, and go far to get it.* [Fort Wayne was as much as 40 miles away] *Around us is still all timber. Thus you can imagine the amount of work there is to do to get the land cleared. On the right side of the river* [Wabash] *where our land is located, was no road cut out. And when one had to seek the cows or cattle, one was in danger of becoming lost in the forest. It was necessary to make use of the compass.*
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> *We were also afflicted with sickness. The three brothers had the chill fever* [likely malaria], *also mother, who since then is often troubled with rheumatism; only Maria and I escaped. Barbara was sick for 22 months with consumption* [tuberculosis] *and died in October 1847. Thus her suffering is over, and we thank God who helped us through. When we did not know what to do, He assisted us, so that we could bear it. The God of mercy be praised for all His mercy and grace, Amen!*[39]

Though David was 84 years old when he wrote the letter, he was still keeping busy and helping bring in some income. He reported,

> *I am, thank God, quite well, excepting feebleness caused by old age. I can do no hard work. I work in the book bindery. This is the third time I work at it, and will likely be the last time.*[40]

One wonders where he was able to find books needing to be bound - maybe in Fort Wayne for the government offices. It is possible that some of his work is still in the vaults. He had worked as a bookbinder in Switzerland and again in Wayne County, Ohio, prior to coming to Indiana.

The chill fever or malaria, was called *"schutta fieber"* (shaking fever) by the Swiss. It is a disease carried by the female *Anopheles* mosquito that causes high fever, aches and chills. The disease is caused by a parasite that multiplies rapidly in the liver and red blood cells. The parasite goes through stages that will cause periodic symptoms that recur about every 48 or

72 hours depending on the type of malaria. Fever may reach 106°. A malarial attack lasts two or more hours and is accompanied by headache, muscular pain, and nausea. After each attack, the patient perspires, causing the body temperature to drop to normal. Between attacks, the patient feels better but is weak and anemic.[41] There were a number of deaths from this disease, but those who survived often were weakened and continued to suffer periodic bouts of illness. With all the swamps and wetlands in the area, mosquitoes were a constant annoyance and plague in late spring and summer.

Personal hygiene was not a major concern under their primitive conditions. In a one room cabin, there were no bath tubs, thus cleanliness was limited to the use of a small basin, or bucket of water, a bar of homemade soap and a wash rag. While yet in Switzerland it was customary to do the family's washing only four times a year.[42] With only two or three sets of clothing at the most, one did not expect one's personal appearance to be neat and clean. Toilet facilities were limited to a small building placed at some distance from the house. In winter, when the weather was cold, little time was spent making the trip, and the only material for personal cleanliness was dried grass, leaves, and corncobs.

Shoes were not worn on most occasions except in cold weather. People went barefoot much of the time, and both parents and children walked barefoot to church. This was common even in the 1870s when one man taught his Sunday school class in bare feet.[43] Horses were not used for transportation on Sunday for they observed the 4th commandment that required rest for working farm animals.[44] When families had sufficient income to have additional horses, some were used on Sunday. As minister Christian Sprunger prospered, he purchased a spring wagon and drove his family to the church.

Death was a common experience among frontier settlers. After their arrival there were a number of children and some adults who died, however there are no records of their burial. Cemeteries were not established in the first years. In Switzerland and France it had been common for persons to be buried on the farm where the families lived. Anabaptists were not permitted to bury their dead in the cemeteries of the state churches. Coming to the United States, these first families continued to follow the pattern for burials that they had been accustomed to. It is reported that Christen Steiner was buried in his orchard when he died in 1853. The Reformed church of Vera Cruz established the first non-family cemeteries in southern Adams and Wells counties.

There was no formal schooling for the children of the community during the first ten years they were in Adams and Wells counties. David also mentioned this lack in his letter.

> *One thing of which we often speak is a desire to have a school teacher, even if he is not so well educated, if he is only God-fearing; and could teach the children to read and write well, and do some figuring, and acquaint them with God's Word and the love of Christ. In our families are twenty children, and there are others who desire that their children might receive instructions according to Swiss customs, for there is as yet no German school here. We hope the Lord will fulfill our desires. A schoolhouse is to be built between Samuel's and John's farm.*

A schoolhouse was built on the southwest corner of section 22 of Samuel's farm and was known as the Election Schoolhouse. Public schools taught the pupils in English. This was a help to the Swiss, but to those who wanted to carry on their traditional way of life it was also a threat. When they first arrived, any education the children had fell upon the shoulders of the parents. Parents would have been able to teach the rudiments of reading and arithmetic, and they taught the children to sing the hymns of the church. They had few musical instruments as some considered them frivolous. The human voice was sufficient for the praise of God.

Since the Mennonites had an experienced minister in the group, they began meeting for worship. These meetings were held every three weeks in the homes of one of the families, following the pattern that was used while they were in Switzerland. The preaching would have been in the Bernese Swiss dialect, Bärndütsch, which was spoken amongst themselves.

Some time after the schoolhouse was built, it was used for their worship services as their homes were too small to accommodate all who wanted to attend. Since there was no church building, the congregation was identified by the leading minister's name. So the congregation became known as the Baumgartner Mennonite Church.

In some accounts of this first Mennonite community, it is referred to as Bärschwam.[45] No explanation is given for this name. The first part of the name "Bär" means "bear." The second part has two possible meanings. "Schwam" is derived from the word "Schwimm" meaning to swim. The meaning would be "the place where bears swim." Since they lived near the Wabash River, there may have been such a place near by. Another possible meaning comes from the word "Schwamm" which is "mushroom." Then the meaning would be that "the place where mush-rooms grow that bears liked to eat." Bears were in the area until the immigrants arrived, so some reference to them is possible. There is one other possible source of this name. It may be a corruption of the name of the farm near Langnau where Verena Welty, Samuel Baumgartner's wife, was born - Bagischwand. She may have desired to honor the place of her birth by calling their farm in Adams County by that name. Persons not familiar with that name would have changed it to something they understood.

Building a Community

The successful establishment of both Amish and Mennonite communities in Adams County can be attributed to the early arrival of experienced ministers who were accustomed to giving leadership to a congregation. The gifts of these able men gave the growing congregations a sense of stability that attracted new settlers from the communities in Ohio. A number of the families who immigrated knew these ministers in Switzerland and France and thus the congregations that were being established were extensions of the congregations in Europe. While they had to create new houses and farms on the land to which they had come, their sense of community and their religious life remained unchanged. It did not take long for them to feel a sense of normalcy about their life on the frontier.

Those who came to Adams County lived in fairly close proximity to other Swiss families. Their houses were within a half-mile from each other. This made it possible for them to assist each other and share their lives. In the Jura of Switzerland and in France, their non-Mennonite and Amish neighbors were French speaking. This language and ethnic background difference, in addition to their differences in religious faith, had given them a sense of being a separate people. Coming to Adams County some of their neighbors were primarily English speaking with a variety of ethnic backgrounds. This language and cultural difference continued to support their sense of separateness.

Some writers of early history tend to magnify the isolation of the first settlers, but the land was being settled at a rapid rate. In 1840 the population of Adams County was 2,284. By 1849 it had reached nearly 5,600. At that time Adams County had "...three lawyers, five physicians, six ministers of the Gospel, five stores, three groceries, six warehouses, one merchant mill, one oil mill, one ashery, one tannery, two saddlers, ten shoemakers, seven blacksmiths, two tailors, five cabinet makers, and twenty carpenters."[46]

A major difference in life in America, from what the Mennonites and Amish had experienced in Europe, was that the heritage of legal and religious restrictions and oppression was absent. By 1840 a few of the Mennonite and Amish settlers coming to Adams and Wells counties had been living in the United States for a couple decades. Coming to a new settlement, there must have been a sense of freedom that may have been somewhat foreboding, even as it also gave them a new opportunity to live out their faith without such opposition. The Anabaptists had survived strong opposition for three centuries. Would it survive the new experience of freedom? What would the future hold?

David Baumgartner, at age 89, wrote a letter to his son David in Wayne County, Ohio in which he reflected back upon the experiences of his church over the years and saw changes that were troubling. He warned, *"If in another hundred years changes are wrought as in the past hundred years, there will remain little but outward ceremonies, and little that is of God."*[47]

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24. Byler, 103.

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26. Baumgartner, p. 14.

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Chapter 2
The Mennonites in Adams and Wells Counties, 1838-1851

Mennonite and Amish Histories

The early history of Mennonites in Adams and Wells Counties is well known as there are two histories of the First Mennonite Church. The earliest, *The First Hundred Years: A History of The Mennonite Church in Adams County, Indiana, 1838-1938,* was published in 1938, and written by Eva F. Sprunger, a daughter of the prominent pastor, Samuel F. Sprunger. The second, Pilgrimage of a Congregation, First Mennonite Church, Berne, Indiana, was written by Naomi Neuenschwander Lehman and published in 1982. However, these deal with the history of a congregation and not of the people themselves. We do not learn to know the families, the names of the mothers and fathers and their children.

Mennonite descendants interested in the history of their families are fortunate in that an accurate record of those families in Adams County was kept by an interested Mennonite, Samuel Lehman. Samuel was born in Wayne County, Ohio to Christian and Magdalena Geiger Lehman on June 9, 1841. At the age of 24 he married Elizabeth Oberli on November 30, 1865. She died nineteen days after giving birth to their first child, Josephine, on August 21, 1866. The daughter died a month and a half after her mother. To get a fresh start on life Samuel came to Adams County, Indiana on January 16, 1867. Here he met Elisabeth A. Sprunger (M63.4) whom he married on October 31, 1867. They settled on a quarter section farm northwest of Berne on March 31, 1868. At this home they raised ten children, one child died when just over a year old.

In 1892 Samuel Lehman was called upon by his neighbor, the undertaker, Christian B. Lehman (M58), for assistance in making a coffin. Five days later Christian died and Samuel then took over this role for the congregation. He was the undertaker for the Mennonite community from 1892 until 1908 when he retired. Samuel may have started his record keeping when he became the undertaker. He spent countless hours keeping a record of all the Mennonite families (a total of 691) until he died in 1914. He gave dates of birth and of marriage, places the families lived in Switzerland, and the date when each family made their home in Adams or Wells counties.[1]

There is no comparable history of the Amish. The Amish themselves have kept few records of these early years, and it appears that there have not been any who have attempted to write such a history. In fact, most of the early history has been forgotten. In 1955 when the first volume of the four volume set, *Mennonite Encyclopedia,* was published, Noah Zehr, a son of an Amish family that lived in Adams County, mistakenly wrote in

his article "Adams County (Ind.) Amish settlement was established in 1850, when Henry Egly and family moved there from Butler County, Ohio." As we have shown, there were Amish in Adams County by 1840.

Zehr's date of 1850 for the arrival of the Amish was used by David Luthy in his 1984 Amish Settlements Across America. It was also used by a television program that aired in 1998. A more correct statement of the historical facts is found in Ed Liechty's, The Roots of Berne, Indiana, when he wrote, "The Amish began coming to the United States about 1727 and a few near here settled in June of 1841."[2] However, there is no mention of who came or of the size of the community.

There was an earlier mention of an Amish minister in a series of articles about early settlers that appeared in *The Berne Witness* in 1896. In the second article that appeared on December 10, 1896 they mention John Richer (Rich) as "the first Mennonite (should be Amish Mennonite) minister that sounded the trumpet call of God's word in the dense forest that then shrouded the swamps and bogs and morasses that abounded in this vicinity."[3] It goes on to mention a Meeting-house built by the Amish congregation on the Baily (likely Behling) place, and that out of this group had come the Old and New Amish churches.[4] John Rich is likely referred to as the first minister because he lived just south of the present town of Berne while the Mennonite minister David Baumgartner, who had settled in Adams County prior to John Rich, lived near Vera Cruz and the congregation later erected a meeting house a couple miles from where he lived.

It is obvious that Amish families and their descendants were largely ignored in various publications outlining the history of the community. On September 4, 1906, the "Tenth Anniversary Edition, The Berne Witness, Berne, Indiana" was published. Nowhere can we find any mention of the Amish that lived in the community and shopped in Berne, and of course there are no photos.[5] The churches within Berne are mentioned, but there is no mention of the Amish congregations or of the Defenseless Mennonite Church that grew out of the Amish of Adams County. A number of members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church are mentioned as well as members of the Missionary Church, which came largely out of the Defenseless congregation. Photos of some of these businessmen appear in this publication. Those mentioned are: John, Joel and Chris Hirschy, Michael Zehr, Abe Stuckey, Ulrich Gehrig, Samuel and Henry Schindler (with their photos), Samuel S. Egly (with photo), Chris Wittwer, Chris C. Yoder, John, Peter and Christian Hilty, Christian G. Egly (with photo), Robert Schwartz, Philip Souder (with photo), Albert Hirschy, Amos Hirschy (with photo), Joseph D. Winteregg (with photo), and Ada Wittwer, a school teacher. Some of these had united with the Missionary Church when it began in 1900.

The Amish and Mennonites who arrived in Adams and Wells Counties in the 1840s and 1850s found themselves in a very different cultural climate from what they came from in Europe. Here, in the United States, there was no dominant state church as all denominations where given equal standing and opportunity. While outright persecution of those with Anabaptist heritage had been largely eliminated in the countries of Europe, yet there was still discrimination. In the Jura of Switzerland the Mennonites were not able to purchase land so could only rent farms as their forebears had done since the early 1600s. That restriction was not eliminated until about1850. Even when it became possible for them to buy land, fear of it being taken from them would have kept them from making any purchases until about 1870.

Another restriction they had faced in Europe was in the erection of houses of worship. In the Palatinate of Germany the Mennonites living in the Weierhof first received permission to erect a small building for worship in 1770, but it was not supposed to have the appearance of a church building. And in 1837 when they built a larger building, it did not have a steeple.[6] The Mennonites in Switzerland erected their first church building on the outskirts of Langnau in the Emmental in 1888. Those in the Jura did not erect one until 1893.

The Amish in Germany were not erecting church buildings at this time, however the Amish/Mennonites in the community of Montbéliard, France erected a building near Montbéliard in 1833. The more tradition oriented

Amish families, living several miles to the south of this city formed their own congregation known as the Seigne congregation (*Sennergemeinde*)[7] for the minister lived in the village with this name. They continued to meet on their farms. The Amish in Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland did not erect a house of worship until 1894.

Differences and Similarities

To an outsider, there was very little difference to be seen between the Amish and Mennonites of Adams County who arrived between 1839-1860. They both dressed in homemade clothing of dark material and of similar cut. Both Mennonites and Amish used hooks and eyes instead of buttons to fasten their clothing. Buttons were a modern invention of the upper class in the 17th century. As such they were rejected by the Swiss *Taufer* of that time.[8] The women wore bonnets (head coverings) at all times and places (except when in bed); the Amish wearing white and the Mennonites black. The style also varied.[9]

The married men all had longer hair and beards, but not a mustache. Beards were worn because of the injunction of Leviticus 21:5 not to trim one's beard. Tradition has it that mustaches were rejected because military men wore them with pride. Not wearing one distinguished them from those in military service, and it was also in keeping with humility.

The language of both groups was some variation of the Swiss dialect, Schwyzerdütsch, or Bärndütsch, common to those living in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland.[10] Some families who were living in France and in the Jura of Switzerland used French as their primary language. The Luginbühl (Luginbill), Steiner, Stauffer, Suter, Soldner and Merillat families spoke French. J.F. Snow in his History of Adams County, Indiana, wrote that "At the northeast corner of this (Hartford) township was a neighborhood of French-speaking people."[11]

Since the automobile and trucks were not yet invented, all used wagons for their farm work, and the lighter spring wagons for small loads and for transportation. Buggies were not in vogue until 1870 and would not have been common as there was little use for them. Purchasing them would have been an unnecessary expense when income was scarce among these families just getting established on their farms. Few families would have had saddle horses. Walking was the most common way families went to their neighbors and to their church services.

Both groups had two or three ministers in a congregation with one designated as Elder or Bishop. Both groups made use of the lot in selecting the preachers and deacons of the congregation and these men served for life without remuneration. The preachers took turns giving sermons with the other ministers present giving some additional reflections and admonitions.

The worship services of both groups were held only every two to three weeks in the homes or barns of the members. The Sundays when there were no services, the parents had the children read a chapter of the Bible before they could go out to play.

The primary language used in these services was some form of the Swiss dialect, *Schwyzerdütsch* or *Bärndütsch*.[12] There is no evidence that French was used in the worship services, although it is possible. The Bible they preferred to use was the Froschauer translation. It was published in the dialect used in Zurich, Switzerland.[13] They published the complete Bible three years before the Luther Bible in High German, which was an alternative for them.

Because their faith could be articulated in the language that was most understandable, it was not just for the educated, the elite. The language of the home could more easily deal with the problems and concerns of the common person.

All singing was done in unison. Both used the *Ausbund* as their basic hymnal. The *Ausbund* was a hymnbook that originated with lyrics written by Anabaptist prisoners in Passau, Moravia from 1535 to 1540. Other hymns were added so that by 1583, when the name Ausbund was given, probably meaning "selection," the book was published in much the same form as the books that were brought with them to America. The text of the *Ausbund* is in dialects of Swiss and South German. Families carried their copies of the *Ausbund* from home, as the church did not provide any at this time.

The Mennonites also used a hymnbook containing the Psalms of the Bible adapted for

singing.

There were no written notes for the music. Only meter was given. Men who were gifted in singing had learned the various tunes through singing the hymns in the worship services. They would lead out in the singing while seated, and their voices alone led the worshiping congregation.

Neither group had organized Sunday school programs at this time. The Berne Mennonite Church organized its first Sunday school on May 3, 1874. A Sunday school was started in the Baumgartner Church about the same time. There, besides the classes using Swiss and German, one used French for a few years.[14] The Berne Defenseless Mennonite Church started having Sunday school classes on April 23, 1882.[15]

Another difference between the churches was the practice by the Amish of the ritual of foot-washing. They hold to a literal interpretation of John 13:15 where Jesus told his disciples after washing their feet, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."[16] This ritual is done in connection with their spring communion service. Mennonites teach that this verse is to be read as a metaphor for living a life of loving service.

Both Mennonites and Amish baptized by pouring, as was done in the very first baptism at the start of the Anabaptist movement.

Discipline within the churches was very similar. Both exercised the exclusion of members under discipline from communion, and if the action for which a person was disciplined was deemed particularly heinous the person would be dismissed from the congregation.

The Amish further disciplined the dismissed person by the use of the ban. When a person was placed under the ban they were not permitted to eat at the same table with other members of the church and friendly association was minimal. Spouses were included in this practice. This shunning was based upon their interpretation of I Corinthians 5:11 where the Apostle Paul advised the church that they should not eat with members who were immoral, greedy, idolaters, etc. Mennonites, along with other Christian groups, take this verse to mean they should not participate in Communion with such persons.

In their sermons Mennonites and Amish ministers took texts for their sermons primarily from the Gospels.[17] The Old Testament stories and prophecies, along with the letters of Paul, were used for illustrations and practical applications.

In coming to the United States both groups continued to hold to the teaching of not returning evil for evil, but overcoming evil with good, Romans 12:7. Thus they avoided participating in the Civil War, which engulfed the nation. Men who were eligible for the draft, but had a conscience against participating in war, had to pay a $300 fee for a substitute. Two men from Mennonite families enlisted in the army, John Jacob Baumgartner (M34.1) and Peter Stauffer (M10.1). Both died in prison following their capture by the South.[18]

The ministers in both the Amish and Mennonite congregations were never addressed by titles and the Amish still do not. It was not until the early 1900s, that Swiss Mennonite ministers began to use the abbreviation "Rev." in front of their names, and the title Pastor.[19] Within the church all members were considered members of the family of faith so were called brothers and sisters. Thus, in everyday life as well as within the church, the preachers and deacons were called by their first names.

Though separated by their history, there was usually a cordial relationship between those Swiss families who lived as neighbors. In these early years, there were a few marriages between the young people of the three churches. Two Mennonite families left their church for the Evangelical Association. These were the (M5) Samuel and Verena Welty Baumgartner, and the (M20) Christian and Anna Suter Bieri families. None of their children married Mennonites.

The Mennonite Congregation in 1851

We indicated that in 1849 Mennonite Elder David Baumgartner wrote in a letter "At the present there are 16 families that belong to our church . . . There are also an equal number of Amish people near here . . . "[20]. Who were these families? From the 1850 Census, land purchase records, tax records, Samuel Lehman's *Familien Register* and various family histories, we are able to get an accurate picture of both the Mennonite and the Amish congregations.

Since a new group of Swiss Anabaptists, living in the Munsterberg (Montagne de Moutier) community of Canton Bern, came to Adams County in 1852, we begin with a list of those families who settled in Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana prior to that year. The Berne SAT (Swiss Ancestral Tree) database located in the Heritage Room of the Berne Public Library has fuller information on ancestors and descendants of these families and readers are invited to visit this center for additional information.

M1. **David Baumgartner**, was born January 25, 1765[21], at La Combe de Péry (Büderichgraben), Canton Bern, Switzerland. When his father, David, moved to Langnau in 1791, he was able to continue living at Büderichgraben which is now called Combe de Péry, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Here all his children were born. He was first married to **Elisabeth Moser** on March 29, 1794 and had three children. Elisabeth died May 29, 1794. He then married **Anna Bichsel** on May 28, 1802. She died following the birth of her first child on March 29, 1805. He then married **Barbara Steiner**, born March 27, 1780, at Le Hubeli, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

The family came to the United States on the sailing ship *Brunette*, landing in New York on July 31, 1835. They first went to Wayne County, Ohio where they worked off a debt they incurred to make the voyage. After two of his sons purchased land in Indiana, they came to Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana in August 1839.[22]

David served as the first minister of the Mennonites in Wells and Adams Counties, Indiana. He and his wife did not purchase any land but lived on their son Christian's farm in Wells County about a year. In 1840, when the census taker came by, they and their three unmarried children were living with son Samuel in Adams County. Since David did not own any land, no figure is given for his net worth in the1850 census.

David died November 3, 1853. and was buried in St John UCC Cemetery in Wells County. Barbara died on September 20, 1869.

M1.1 Katharina Baumgartner, born April 26, 1796, married Johann Ramseier. They lived at Champoz, Moutier, Switzerland.

M1.2 David Baumgartner, born February 7, 1798, married Barbara Welty on April 3, 1824. They came to the United States and lived in Wayne County, Ohio.

M1.3 Abraham Baumgartner, born January 13, 1800, married Barbara Oberli on October 25, 1828 in Perrefitte, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They remained in Switzerland.

M1.4 Anna Baumgartner, born March 29, 1805, married Peter Lehman on March 10, 1827. They stayed in Switzerland.

M1.5 Christian Baumgartner (M2), born January 31, 1809, married Verena Schrag on August 4, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio. She died October 24, 1850. Christian then married Katharina Lehmann (No. 3 in The Peter B. Lehman Family) on December 2, 1852.

M1.6 Johann (John) Baumgartner (M3), born December 3, 1810, married Katharina Amstutz February 16, 1833, in Lagot, Moutier, Switzerland.

M1.7 Barbara Baumgartner, born December 19, 1812, died October 28, 1846, of tuberculosis.

M1.8 Peter Baumgartner (M4), born June 6, 1814, married Verena Bösiger (Basinger) on February 4, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M1.9 Elisabeth Baumgartner, born July 26, 1816, married Christian Beer on February 3, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M1.10 Samuel Baumgartner (M5), born April 17, 1818, married Verena Welty on February 1, 1849. in Allen County, Ohio.

M1.11 Maria Baumgartner, born September 4, 1820, married Peter (Bichsel) Bixler (M19) on September 21, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana.

M2. **Christian Baumgartner** (M1.5), born January 31, 1809, at Combe de Péry, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married August 4, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio, **Verena Schrag**, born January 1811. They, with his younger brother Peter, were the first Mennonites to come to live in this part of Indiana, arriving in 1839. He had purchased 160 acres of land in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana on October 22, 1836. The land was purchased with borrowed money and they must have spent the next three years working to pay off a major portion of their

debt. He still owned money on the land when they made the move from Ohio and were paying 6 percent interest on the remainder.

By 1849, 10 years later, they had cleared half of their 160 acres. Thirteen acres were sowed in wheat. In livestock they had 16 cows and horses along with some sheep and pigs. In 1850 his net worth was $2,000 so he was doing better than average. Their farm was adjacent to that of the Merillat family's. For a time he and his brother Peter were building contractors. Verena died October 24, 1850, Wells County,[23] after living here for eleven years. She gave birth to seven children.

Christian married a second time to the widow **Katharina Lehmann Baumgartner** on December 2, 1852 in the home of their neighbors, the Merillat family. She was born August 17, 1814, on Mont-Dessus, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Christian was a first cousin to her first husband, Johann Baumgartner. With Christian she had four more children, three of which died shortly after birth. She lived until February 6, 1902 and is buried in the MRE Cemetery.

Christian was chosen by lot to serve this Mennonite congregation as a minister on March 18, 1845. He served with his father, David, who by this time was 81 years of age. Following his father's death he was released from this role until he was put in the lot for Elder on October 21, 1866 and was chosen. He then served until his death on August 24, 1878. He is buried in St. John UCC Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana.

All of Christian's children were born in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana.

M2.1 Samuel Baumgartner, born September 14, 1839, died February 10, 1881.

M2.2 David C. Baumgartner was born February 14, 1841, and died July 7, 1863.

M2.3 Benjamin Baumgartner, born May 10, 1842, married Magdalena Sommer on October 5, 1863.

M2.4 Daniel Baumgartner, born December 3, 1843, married Elizabeth Althaus on March 9, 1867.

M2.5 Christian C. Baumgartner, born April 15, 1845, married Verena (Fanny) Gerber on Feb. 27, 1869.

M2.6 Maria Baumgartner, born December 30, 1846, married Emmanuel Niederhauser (O8) on October 29, 1871.

M2.7 Jacob J. Baumgartner, born November 23, 1848, married S. Amelia Tribolet on August 26, 1875.

M2.8 Peter Baumgartner, was born September 12, 1853, died September 24.

M2.9 Johann C. Baumgartner, born December 7, 1854, married Mary Aschbaucher (R46.10) on December 26, 1878 in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M2.10 Abraham Baumgartner was born January 6, 1856, and died January 27.

M2.11 Friedrich Baumgartner, born February 12, 1857, died March 10.

M3. **John (Johann) Baumgartner** (M1.2), born December 03, 1810, Combe de Péry, Canton Bern, Switzerland married February 16, 1833, at Lagot, Canton Bern, Switzerland, **Katharina Amstutz** born February 02, 1814 near Bellelay, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They left for the United States right after their marriage and in June or July 1833 arrived in Wayne County, Ohio. They came to Adams County on October 20, 1839, and settled in French Township with four children.[24]

In 1850 John had a net worth of $800. He died June 5, 1888 in Adams County, Indiana and is buried in St. John UCC Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana.

M3.1 David Baumgartner, born March 7, 1834, Wayne County, Ohio, died May 15, 1845.

M3.2 Marianna Baumgartner, born May 6, 1835, Wayne County, Ohio, died May 15, 1837.

M3.3 John J. Baumgartner was born June 18, 1836, in Wayne County, Ohio, and married Rosina Horn on December 9, 1862, in Decatur, Indiana. She was from an Amish family, a half-sister to Lydia Horn, wife of Peter Roth (A26.8)

M3.4 Maria Ann Baumgartner, born August 1837, Wayne County, Ohio, married Abraham Kirchhofer on May 14, 1864, in French Township.

M3.5 Abraham Baumgartner, born November 24, 1838, Wayne County, Ohio, married Karolina Ellenberger (R25.5) on September 15, 1864, in Decatur, Indiana.

M3.6 Katharina Baumgartner, born January 10, 1840, Adams County, Indiana, married

Heinrich Ellenberger (R25.4) on October 31, 1867, in Decatur, Indiana

M3.7 Anna Barbara Baumgartner, born April 23, 1841, in Adams County, died at 18 years of age of typhoid.

M3.8 Maria Baumgartner, born 1842, died September 25, 1843, in Adams County.

M3.9 Elizabeth Baumgartner, born December 10, 1843, Adams County, married Christian G. Augsburger (M12.1) on January 21, 1869, Adams County.

M3.10 Joel Baumgartner, born May 20, 1845, Adams County, married Christina Thut on January 10, 1871, in Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio.

M3.11 Ephraim Baumgartner, born July 25, 1846, Adams County, married Magdalena Gerber on February 1, 1872 in Wayne County, Ohio.

M3.12 Mary (Maria) Baumgartner was born July 10, 1848, in Adams County.

M3.13 Benjamin Baumgartner, born November 1, 1849, in Adams County, married Elisabeth Thut on December 16, 1872, in Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio. She died February 16, 1874. He then married Mary L. Ummel on June 14, 1883.

M3.14 Samuel Baumgartner, born May 8, 1851, died April 8, 1872, in Adams County.

M3.15 Christina Baumgartner, born April 18, 1853, died April 29, 1858, in Adams County.

M3.16 Anna Baumgartner, born April 6, 1856, married David Augsburger (M12.4) on January 14, 1875.

M3.17 son Baumgartner, was stillborn April 10, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana.

John Baumgartner had purchased 160 acres in French Township in Adams County on March 6, 1837. Of these he sold 20 to his brother Samuel. He was worth $800 in 1850. Three of their children were married outside the church by the Justice of the Peace or Clerk. Rosina Horn was from an Amish family and Heinrich and Karolina Ellenberger were in the Reformed Church.

M4. **Peter Baumgartner** (M1.8), born June 6, 1814, at Combe de Péry, Canton Bern, Switzerland.[25] He came to Wells County, Indiana with his brother Christian on September 15, 1838, as a single person, to help clear Christian's land and build the log house. He married February 4, 1843, in Putnam County, Ohio, **Verena (Bösiger) Basinger** who was born July 02, 1821, in Alsace, France Their children were all born in French Township, Adams County, Indiana.

He worked together with his brother Christian as a building contractor. In 1850 Peter had a net worth of $1,000. He died November 9, 1882 and is buried in St. John Cemetery, Wells County, Ohio.

M4.1 Marianna Baumgartner, born July 12, 1845, died August 6, 1859.

M4.2 Jonathan B. Baumgartner, born December 19, 1846, married Maria Ann Shoemaker on September 7, 1873. Following her death on September 19, 1888, he married Elizabeth Meyer (R6.6) on May 20, 1893 in Vera Cruz.

M4.3 David Henry Baumgartner, born October 18, 1848, died August 16, 1855.

M4.4 Anna B. Baumgartner, born May 11, 1850, married Abraham K. Amstutz on April 27, 1884. Following his death on February 24, 1890 she married Christian Beer (M65) on October 10, 1902.

M4.5 Christian Wilhelm Baumgartner, born December 7, 1851, married Carolina N. Riesen on March 9, 1879 in Adams County, Indiana.

M4.6 Peter John Baumgartner, born November 5, 1853, married Bertha L. Saurer (R2.5) on January 24, 1885 in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M4.7 Maria Magdalena Baumgartner, born November 16, 1856, married David J. Moser (AC13.1) on December 12, 1880, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M4.8 Wilhelm Baumgartner, born November 2, 1858, married Mary Saurer (R2.3) on October 27, 1881. Following her death on February 11, 1893, he married Maria Soldner (M21.8) on April 19, 1894 in the Reformed Church in Berne.

M4.9 John Philip Baumgartner was born January 14, 1861.

M4.10 Katherine Lena Baumgartner was born May 25, 1863.

Peter purchased 160 acres on March 6, 1837 then later bought adjoining land of 40 acres and 36 acres. This was two miles southeast of Vera Cruz in French Township. Peter was a carpenter in addition to being a farmer and made farming

implements such as hayforks, rakes, and axe handles. He also made baskets and ropes of flax. Peter was worth $1,000 in 1850.

M5. **Samuel Baumgartner** (M1.10), was born April 17, 1818, at Combe de Pery (Buderich -graben), near Pery, Canton Bern, Switzerland.[26] On September 15, 1839, he came with his father and family to Wells County to help clear the virgin forest and build a log cabin. He soon moved onto the twenty acres, that he purchased in French Township, in Adams County from his brother John (M3). Here he erected a cabin and cleared some of the forest. Since he was single, his parents came to live in his cabin with their three unmarried children.

He began working for English-speaking families that lived south of the Wabash for about a year. He did this so that he could learn English as well as to build up his financial resources.

Samuel was married February 1, 1849 to **Verena (Fanny) Welty** who was born on Bagishschwand, near Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland April 25, 1824. She had come to the United States with three brothers in 1846. Their children were all born in French Township.

Samuel had not found a woman for a wife in the Mennonite congregation so made a trip to the Swiss Mennonite community in Putnam County, Ohio with this in mind in late 1848. While there, he went to the home of the minister Christian Steiner to consult with him about his desire. In the home was a young woman, Verena Welty, who was at work weaving for the family. The minister suggested that she would make a suitable wife, as she was a devout and industrious person. Receiving permission to visit with her, he ascended the stairs and introduced himself.

After chatting for a while Samuel revealed his purpose in coming. She responded favorably to his proposal and a month later they were married in the home of her brother John Welty. She then went with him to Adams County and they lived here the rest of their lives.

In 1850 Samuel had a net worth of $900. Following the death of his father on November 3, 1853, his dissatisfaction with the Mennonite Church came to a head and the family began attending the Evangelical Association (later Methodist). Some of the motivation may have been a lack of leadership opportunities in the Mennonite church since he was not selected to serve as a minister. Verena was particularly attracted and united with the Association some time before Samuel in 1854. Their children were baptized in the Salem Evangelical Church.

Samuel gave a lot of leadership to this church, serving as a class leader for more than twenty years, and as an exhorter for a time. He also served as the trustee of the church. Following the pattern of this church, he was fervent and demonstrative in his speaking and prayers. His zeal for revival meetings and evangelistic outreach was strong and constant.

Samuel purchased 155.67 acres in the same area as his first purchase. Their first son is not in the 1850 census, so the census taker came before he was born.

Samuel died March 22, 1881, in Adams County, Indiana and Verena died September 8, 1896 in Huntington, Indiana in the home of her youngest daughter. They are buried in the St. John UCC Cemetery, Wells County, Ohio.

M5.1 David Ludwig Baumgartner, born August 13, 1850, died September 14, 1850 of cholera.

M5.2 Mary Ellen Baumgartner, born July 28, 1852, married Albert Nille on October 26, 1872. He died May 8, 1879 from tuberculosis of the throat. She then married Adam Beck on December 18, 1884.

M5.3 Caroline Baumgartner, born September 27, 1856, married Samuel Mosiman (O28.3) on May 13, 1877 in the home of her parents. He had a store in Vera Cruz, when he was married. In 1890 they moved to Nappanee, Indiana where he had a hardware store and tin shop. Here they started an Evangelical Association church. In 1903 they moved to South Bend, Indiana.

M5.4 Abraham William Baumgartner, born January 26, 1858, married Mary Hocker (R51.6) on January 13, 1891.

M5.5 Frederick L. Baumgartner was born February 1, 1859, and died September 30, 1859.

M5.6 Samuel Henry Baumgartner, born March 2, 1860, married Kezzie Kieper on June 22, 1886 in Naperville, Illinois. Following the death of his father in March 22, 1881, he was elected to serve as the class leader and then as trustee, in the roles his father had held. He had

only been converted two months earlier. He became a minister in the Evangelical Association serving in various churches, and holding office in the conference. He authored "Brief Historical Sketches of Seven Generations: Descendants of Deacon David Baumgartner who was born 1735."

M5.7 Christina Baumgartner, born August 5, 1861, married U.S. Vance in December 1894. She died of tuberculosis on August 14, 1895. He was a physician.

M5.8 Sarah Ann Baumgartner, born October 6, 1865, died October 14, 1878, of diphtheria.

M5.9 Lucinda Baumgartner, born December 24, 1867, died August 28, 1878, of diphtheria.

M6. **John Peter (Jean Pierre) Merillat** was born December 7, 1802, at Befert, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was likely a member of the Reformed Church in Switzerland, but after arriving in Wayne County, Ohio, he was baptized in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on April 22, 1832. Then he was married in the Sonnenberg community on March 31, 1833, to **Magdalena Kirchofer** born March 31, 1833, in the Sonnenberg community. They came to Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana on September 16, 1839, with the David Baumgartner family.[27] They came with a girl and a boy. John died April 1, 1874 and Magdalena on April 8, 1881. It is not known where they are buried. His net worth in 1850 was $2,500.

M6.1 Elisabeth Merillat, born February 9, 1834, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Fredrick Moseman (M74) on April 29, 1857, in Vera Cruz, Wells Co., Indiana.

M6.2 David Merillat, born December 8, 1835, in Wayne County, Ohio, died March 17, 1857, in Wells County, Indiana, at 21 years of age.

John was likely of the Reformed faith in Switzerland but united with the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Wayne County, Ohio. In Indiana he participated in the Baumgartner Mennonite Church. Daughter Elisabeth married into a family that was from Switzerland, but were not Mennonite. Her children did not unite with the Mennonite Church.

He was worth $2,500 in 1850. He died April 1, 1874 in Wells County, Indiana.

M7. **Christen (Christian) Steiner** was born October 27, 1788, on Ferme Laumont, Community of Boron, France. He married March 28, 1815, in Florimont, France, **Christina Pfister** [28] born in 1793 in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. When she was born, she was baptized in the Reformed Church where her parents were members. Shortly afterwards they united with the *Taufer* (Anabaptist) church and her father, Peter Pfister became one of the ministers. Christina went to the Florimont community to work and there met her future husband. Her father came to France to officiate at their wedding.

Christen's father, Daniel Steiner, and grandfather, Hans Steiner, had been leading *Taufer* (Anabaptist) ministers in the Normanvillar community of France.

Christen and Christina, with their five children, came to the United States on the ship *Elizabeth*, arriving in New York on July 9, 1825. They settled in the Chippewa settlement of Wayne County, Ohio. On March 20, 1837, he purchased 160 acres in Hartford Township, Adams County, Indiana. Then he purchased 163.8 acres in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana on October 16, 1838, and two weeks later 80 acres in French Township, Adams County on October 31, 1838.

On August 31, 1839, the parents came to Adams County with their four unmarried children,[29] arriving shortly after Christian (M2) and Verena Baumgartner. When he died November 29, 1853, at the age of 65, he was buried in the orchard of his farm as no cemetery had been established. She was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, near Linn Grove.[30] In 1850 his net worth was $2,000. Living with them was 32-year-old John Sutter of France, who was a shoemaker.

The children who came with them to Indiana were:

M7.1 Elisabeth Steiner, born February 28, 1816, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France, married Johannes Habegger. They lived in Allen County, Ohio.

M7.2 Barbara Steiner, born June 13, 1818, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France, married Peter Luginbill (Luginbühl) (M17) on December 1, 1838.

M7.3 Anna Steiner, died at birth on October

10, 1819.

M7.4 Maria Steiner, born Aril 25, 1820, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France, married John Luginbill (Luginbühl) (M18) on February 8, 1843.

M7.5 Daniel Steiner (A37), born September 1, 1821, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France, married Barbara Rich on May 1, 1851 in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. She was from an Amish family. Some time after they settled in Adams County, he also became Amish.

M7.6 Anna Steiner, born October 5, 1823, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France, married John Stauffer (M8) on August 22, 1844.

M7.7. Peter C. Steiner, born June 15, 1827, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Verena Stauffer (M10.2) on October 15, 1853.

M7.8. Katharina Steiner, born January 26, 1831, Wayne County, Ohio, married George Fuchs (A56) on June 15, 1855.

In 1850, when the census was made, daughters Elisabeth and Maria were already married, and Anna was not living at home. John Sutter, a shoemaker age 32 was living with them. Christen had a net worth of $2,000, and son Daniel was worth $400.

M8. **John (Johann) Stauffer**, was born April 6, 1821, in Wayne County, Ohio.[31] At the age of 18, he must have come to Adams County, Indiana with the Christen Steiner (M7) family from Wayne County for he also arrived on August 31, 1839. He was born in Wayne County, Ohio on April 6, 1821, the son of Johannes Stauffer and Maria Steiner. His mother was a first cousin to Christen Steiner. After living five years of the single life he married **Anna Steiner** (M7.6), his second cousin, on August 22, 1844. Minister David Baumgartner officiated. In the 1860 census she is shown as living with her daughter Anna Stauffer. She died November 25, 1868. Johann died April 13, 1887. In 1850 his net worth was $2,200.

Their children were all born in Hartford Township, Adams County, Indiana.

M8.1 Samuel Stauffer was born December 13, 1845, married Malinda Chrisman on December 12, 1875 and later Louisa Warnden in 1893 in Kansas.

M8.2 Amos Stauffer, born March 19, 1848, married Ellen E. Morrow on March 9, 1873 in Linn Grove, Indiana.

M8.3 Marianna (Mary) Stauffer, was born December 23, 1849. She married Jacob Basinger of Allen/Putnam County, Ohio.

M8.4 Christina Stauffer, born January 16, 1852, married Benjamin Steiner on October 18, 1877. They lived in the Bluffton, Ohio community.

M8.5 Katharina Stauffer, born January 15, 1854, married Charles Schug on December 9, 1880.

M8.6 John Peter Stauffer, born June 20, 1856, died October 10, 1859.

M8.7 Sarah Stauffer, born October 29, 1859, married Peter J. Stucky (A25.3) on July 15, 1883 in the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

M8.8 Rebecca Stauffer, born February 23, 1861, married Emil Erhart on July 5, 1885.

M8.9 Salome Stauffer, born December 1, 1863, first married Joseph Sauder, and after his death William Wittwer on November 19, 1899.

M8.10 Elizabeth Anna Stauffer, born Nov. 19, 1866, first married William Wittiger and then Joseph Stuckey (A42.5) on February 16, 1890 in Adams County.

In 1850 Johann Stauffer was worth $2,200, so was already well established. He died April 13, 1887 in Adams County, and Anna died in Fort Wayne, Indiana on February 20, 1908.

M9. **Peter Moser** was born September 23, 1799, at La Combe, Moutier, Switzerland. He married December 6, 1823, **Katharina Oberli** born September 10, 1800, at Plain Fayen, Perrefitte, Switzerland, in the home of her parents, Peter and Anna Neuenschwander Oberli. They came to the United States and settled in Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1832. Then they came to French Township, Adams County, on October 20, 1839, with six children.[32] She was seven months pregnant as they made the trip. She died November 25, 1868. Their first five children were born at La Combe, Montagne de Moutier, Switzerland.

M9.1 Abraham Moser, born February 12, 1825, married Marianna Nussbaum (M44.1) on May 5, 1853, in the home of her parents.

M9.2. Isaak Moser (M23), born June 26, 1827, married Verena Augsburger (M11.6) on

September 5, 1850, in her parent's home.

M9.3. Jacob G. Moser (AC3), born June 15, 1829, married Anna Lisa Strahm (AC1.13), born June 16, 1831, in Langnau, Switzerland the daughter of minister Matthias Strahm (AC1). They were married in Adams County in the home of her parents on May 31, 1855. They went with her parents into the Apostolic Christian Church following the division in 1858.

M9.4. Peter E. Moser (M78), born November 25, 1832, married Anna Amstutz, on February 3, 1859 in Putnam County, Ohio. After the new Mennonite Church building was erected in 1899, Peter planted shade trees around it for seventy-five cents.[33]

M9.5. Ulrich Moser, born June 21, 1834, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Maria Luginbühl on May 26, 1859, in Putnam County.

M9.6. David J. Moser, born September 27, 1836, in Wayne County, Ohio, died August 27, 1861.

M9.7. Thomas Moser, born December 24, 1839, Adams County, Indiana, died July 2, 1886.

M9.8. Katharina Moser, born August 4, 1843, Adams County, Indiana, married Abraham "Lang Hami" Sprunger (M38.4) on January 11, 1862 by the Justice of the Peace in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

Living with this family in 1850, when the census taker came around, was a woman named Fanny, age 25, who had been born in Pennsylvania. Peter's net worth in 1850 was $3,000. He had the most wealth of the Mennonites at this time.

Following the death of his first wife he married the widow of Elder Ulrich Kipfer II (M27), **Katharina Aeschliman Kipfer,** who was born January 28, 1869 on Grat, Langnau, Switzerland. They were married January 28, 1869 in Adams County. She died May 9, 1883 and is buried in St. John's UCC Cemetery. Peter died on October 23, 1886.

M10. **Christian Stauffer** was born September 15, 1802 in Oberhaus, Alsace, France.[34] He came to the United States in 1820 to New York and then to Wayne County, Ohio in the spring of 1830. He was married in May 1832 in Wooster, Ohio, to **Maria Steiner Stauffer** by a Dunkard preacher. She was the widow of his uncle, Hans (Johannes) Stauffer. They came to Adams County, and made their home a little more than three miles northwest of Berne, on April 16, 1840. Maria died April 21, 1851.

On March 23, 1854, Christian married the widow **Verena Habegger Burkhalter**, who was born April 9, 1822, on Le Trondai, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She had come to the United States to the Sonnenberg community, Wayne County, Ohio on June 24, 1853, with her first husband Johann Burkhalter (M56).

Christian had a net worth of $1,500 in 1850. He died January 20, 1892 and Verena died November 13, 1894.

M10.1 Peter Stauffer, born September 14, 1832, in Wayne County, Ohio, died November 13, 1864 in Fort Smith, Arkansas as a soldier in the Civil War.

M10.2 Verena Stauffer, born September 20, 1835, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Peter C. Steiner (M7.7) on October 15, 1853 in Adams County, Indiana.

M10.3 David Stauffer, born October 3, 1837, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Marianna Wulliman (M43.1) on February 17, 1863 in French Township and had two children. Following her death on April 16, 1865, he married Rachel Neuenschwander (M72.3) on April 2, 1868 and had five children. She died February 8, 1877. He then married Katherine Zingg Habegger, the widow of Abraham M. Habegger on April 15, 1883 and had six children.

M10.4 Daniel Stauffer, born May 30, 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio, married Rosina Schumacher on September 5, 1869, in Wayne County, Ohio.

The following are children of Verena Habegger and all were born in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana.

M10.5 Elisabeth Stauffer, born September 3, 1855, married Jacob C. Neuenschwander (M72.2) on December 26, 1872. She was a twin.

M10.6 Anna Stauffer, born September 3, 1855, married Christian A. Neuenschwander on January 29, 1876. She was a twin. He came with his parents to Adams County, Indiana from Putnam County, Ohio in 1866.

M10.7 Marianna Stauffer, born October 18, 1857, married Christian C. Neuenschwander

(M72.5) on January 29, 1876.

M10.8 Sarah Stauffer, born July 26, 1859, married Joel Frey (R48.1) on February 22, 1880 in the Baumgartner Mennonite Church.

M10.9 Katharina Stauffer, born May 26, 1861, married Emanuel Sprunger (M42.3) on December 5, 1880, in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M10.10 Rachel Stauffer, born October 23, 1863, married John C. Lehman (M58.5) on January 21, 1883 in French Township, Adams County.

Also living with the Stauffer family in 1850 was a 18-year-old youth from France whose name is written David Gorer.

M11. **Johannes (John) Augsburger** was born November 7, 1783 in Roche-aux-Corbet, Moutier, Switzerland.[35] He married **Elisabeth Jacob** on July 26, 1805 in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born October12, 1783 on auf der Holloren, Signau, Switzerland. They were one of the first three Mennonite families to leave Switzerland for the United States in the 1800s. After arriving in Philadelphia on October 11, 1817, on the ship *Francis*, they lived in Lycoming and Tioga counties, Pennsylvania for eight years. They then moved back into a Swiss Mennonite community in Wayne County, Ohio about 1825. He purchased 160 acres in Adams County on August 28, 1838. Moving once more, they with children Elisabeth, Christian and Verena came to French Township, Adams County, Indiana in April 1842. There is no evaluation of his net worth in 1850.

Johannes died August 24, 1855, and Elisabeth died April 16, 1876. They are both buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. This may have been the wish of daughter Elisabeth who was in the Defenseless congregation.

M11.1 Anna Augsburger, born in 1807, likely in Langnau, Switzerland, died in infancy.

M11.2 Elisabeth Augsburger, born March 5, 1814, in Rosch, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Joseph Schlatter (A7) on March 29, 1842, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M11.3 John Augsburger, born June 30, 1817 in Muyden (Muiden), the Netherlands, died August 1817. He died and was buried at sea on the way to the United States.

M11.4 John Augsburger (M12), born April 19, 1819, in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, married Anna Guiman (Geuman) on August 20, 1842. She died October 15, 1844.

M11.5 Christian Augsburger (M13), born June 19, 1821, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, married Barbara Liechty (A2.3) on December 1, 1859, in French Township. He was chosen by lot to serve as a preacher of the Word in the Baumgartner Mennonite Church on June 25, 1865.[36]

M11.6 Verena Augsburger, born September 23, 1825, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, married Isaak Moser (M23) on September 5, 1850.

M11.6 A stillborn child, born about 1829 in Adams County, Indiana.

M12. **John Augsburger** (M11.4) born April 19, 1819 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.[37] He was married August 20, 1842, in Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio to **Anna Guimann (Geuman)** who was born September 20, 1818, on Wasser, Montbeliard (Mümpelgard), France. They came to Adams County, in September 1842. Since he came just a month after his parents, he may have stayed in Ohio a little longer to convince Anna to marry him. Anna died October 15, 1844.

John then married **Anna Maria Wenger** (A4.3) on December 2, 1845. She came to Adams County in 1842 with her mother. She was born December 31, 1821, in St. Margrethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland and died December 24, 1901 in Adams County. The 1850 census gives her name as Mary and does not list son David. Both of his wives were members of an Amish congregation. Johannes and his wives are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. This indicates that they were in fellowship with this church prior to their deaths. He died December 24, 1881. From the two wives he had the following children who were all born in Hartford Township, Adams County, Indiana.

M12.1 Christian G. Augsburger, born June 3, 1843, married Elizabeth Baumgartner (M3.9) on January 21, 1869 in Adams County.

M12.2 Lydia Augsburger, born October 13, 1846, married John Schindler (A9.2) on March 9,

1869 in Adams County.

M12.3 John Augsburger, born May 15, 1848, married Verena Hirschy (A13.5) on September 1, 1877.

M12.4 David Augsburger, born May 23, 1850, married Anna Baumgartner (M3.16) January 14, 1875, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

Two of their children, Lydia and John, married members of the Amish Church. His net worth in 1850 was $1,500.

M13 **Christian Augsburger** (M11.5), born June 19, 1821 in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, married **Barbara Liechty** (A2.3) on December 1, 1859. She was born February 26, 1842 in Adams County, Indiana. The Augsburger and Liechty farms were adjacent to each other. When Barbara was born, Christian went to visit the family. As he held her in his arms he said, "Some day I will marry her for my wife." This he did at age 39. Together they had 16 children four of whom died in infancy. He died January 19, 1903, and she on October 1, 1920. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

Christian was in the lot for a preacher in the Baumgartner Mennonite Church on June 25, 1865 and was selected. On October 21, 1866, he was in the lot for Elder but was not selected. Desiring the position, prior to the drawing of the lot he went into the woods to pray promising God he would do his best if he were selected. He became dissatisfied with the Baumgartner church. In 1869, he started his own church that continued until about 1901. This church united with the Indiana Michigan Conference, which was part of the (Old) Mennonite General Conference. In his last years they participated in the Defenseless Mennonite Church where Verena had relatives.

When Barbara was a young girl, she left the Amish and joined the Baumgartner Mennonite Church. This act placed her under the ban. When Christian and Barbara visited her family, she was not permitted to sit at the same table, so Christian sat with her at a separate one even though he was not under the ban.

M13.1 Katharina Augsburger, born May 25, 1861, married John Kaufman on October 24, 1892.

M13.2 David Augsburger, born May 29, 1862, died March 28, 1864.

M13.3 Christian Augsburger, born August 12, 1863, died September 2, 1863.

M13.4 Maria Augsburger, born July 8, 1864, married Jacob E. Greider on December 25, 1894.

M13.5 Moses Augsburger, born September 26, 1865, married Anna Steiner (M66.11) on April 15, 1890.

M13.6 Aaron Augsburger, born March 1, 1867, married Cecilia (Cecil) Schindler on March 1, 1896. She died March 31, 1905. He then married Anna Wulliman on November 29, 1914.

M13.7 David C. Augsburger, born April 3, 1868, married Malinda Thut on November 22, 1891.

M13.8 Amos Augsburger, born August 14, 1869, married Elizabeth Ann Shenk on December 19, 1893.

M13.9 Jacob D. Augsburger, born February 15, 1871, married Cora Schindler on January 3, 1896. She died December 6, 1912. He then married Kathryn Zehr on October 15, 1914.

M13.10 daughter Augsburger, a twin, died at birth on April 16, 1872.

M13.11 daughter Augsburger, a twin, died at birth on April 16, 1872.

M13.12 Verena Augsburger, born May 23, 1873, married J.W. Hales.

M13.13 Lydia Augsburger, born September 12, 1874, married Jacob Neuenschwander on December 27, 1917.

M13.14 John C. Augsburger, born June 27, 1876, married Amelia Augusta Aschbaucher on June 19, 1904.

M13.15 Elizabeth Augsburger, born October 20, 1877, married Oscar Burry on December 22, 1904.

M13.16 Daniel Augsburger, born August 27, 1880, married Alice Stauffer. He was a minister and a factory worker.

M14. **Abraham (Habegger) Hawbaker** was born May 19, 1818 in Moutier Grandval, Moutier, Switzerland.[38] His older brother, Jakob, born March 18, 1809 was the first of the family to come to the United States in 1832. He settled in Wayne County, Ohio. On January 30, 1838, Abraham applied for a passport in Berne Switzerland. He came to the United States, arriving on June 15, 1840, with his sister Marianna. She was born May 15, 1822. His

father, Johann Ulrich Habegger, may have come with them. They went to the Sonnenberg community in Wayne County, Ohio on June 22, 1840.

Abraham married in Wayne County, OH in 1842 to **Katharina Suter** who was born in July 1811 in Alsace, France. They came to Adams County, in the fall of 1844 with one child.

They had a pair of oxen to pull their wagon to Adams County. They also had a cow. It is reported that they spent their first winter living in their wagon. At night they tied these animals close to them for protection from bears and wolves. He built a log cabin with a dirt floor and no windows. They had no hinged door for the doorway, so must have used animal skins to cover the opening.

His name was anglicized phonetically after living in Adams County for some time.

M14.1 Christian Habegger, born June 22, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio, died in March 1874.

M14.2 Peter Hawbaker, born August 7, 1846, in Adams County, Indiana, died in August 1877.

M14.3 Daniel D. Hawbaker, born April 1, 1849, Adams County, Indiana, married Caroline Schaffter on January 27, 1885 in the Hawbaker home.

M14.4 Verena (Fanny) Hawbaker, born October 7, 1850, Adams County, Indiana, married Fred Studler in January 1877.

Abraham attended both the Mennonite and the Amish Church meetings. Samuel Lehman listed him, so considered him Mennonite. He vacillated between staying with the Berne Mennonite Church and joining the Defenseless Mennonite Church. By the time he died, May 28, 1897 he was in the latter congregation. His funeral service was preached by ministers; Benjamin Rupp, Joseph Egly and Joseph Ramseyer. He is buried in the Defenseless /Evangelical Mennonite Church Cemetery. Katharina who died in 1871 is also buried there. His net worth in 1850 was $500.

M15. **Isaac Falb** was born February 2, 1798 in the community of Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States to New York on the ship *Sully* on July 25, 1828, and then to the Sonnenberg community of Wayne County, Ohio. **Barbara P. Lehman** came to the United States on the ship *Midi* with her parents, Peter and Barbara Bogli Lehman, landing in New York on July 4, 1819.[39] They then settled in the Sonnenberg community. Isaac and Barbara were married November 5, 1831, in Wayne County, Ohio.[40] They came to French Township, Adams County, on August 17, 1845, with seven children, the youngest, Johann, a month old.

Isaac died October 25, 1858 and Barbara died December 30, 1887. In 1850 Isaac Falb had a net worth of $2,040.

M15.1 Abraham Falb, born February 24, 1832, Wayne County, Ohio, died April 23, 1856, in Adams County, Ohio.

M15.2 Peter Falb, born November 5, 1834, Wayne County, Ohio, died November 5, 1856 in Adams County, Indiana.

M15.3 Isaac Falb, born July 8, 1835, Wayne County, Ohio, married Anna Reinhard.

M15.4 Elizabeth Falb, born March 12, 1837, Wayne County, Ohio, died November 19, 1846, in Adams County, Indiana.

M15.5 Jakob Falb, born November 5, 1839, Wayne County, Ohio, married Mary, whose surname is not known.

M15.6 Samuel Falb, born August 22, 1841, Wayne County, Ohio, died April 20, 1854 in Adams County, Ohio.

M15.7 Johann Falb, born July 6, 1845, Wayne County, Ohio, married Katharina Moser.

M15.8 David Falb, born July 9, 1846, Adams County, Indiana, died November 21, 1895, Adams County, Indiana.

M15.9 Katharina Falb, born August 26, 1849, Adams County, Indiana, married John (Johann) Moser (M23.2) on March 5, 1874 in Adams County, Indiana.

M16. **Abraham Gilliom** was born September 14, 1811 on Sonnenberg, in the district of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio in 1823. He was married October 24, 1829, in Wayne County, Ohio, to **Magdalena Moser** who was born April 19, 1805, at La Combe, Moutier, Switzerland. She came to the United States with her mother and stepfather, Jacob Luthi on the ship *Elizabeth* landing in New York on July 9, 1825. They came to Wells County, Indiana in the spring of 1846 with eight children.[41]

Abraham died May 3, 1877 in Wells County, Indiana, and Magdalena died July 6, 1885 near Vera Cruz, Indiana. They are both buried in the St. Johns UCC cemetery. In 1860 his net worth was $2,050.

M16.1 Johann Gilliom, born July 23, 1830, Wayne County, Ohio, died March 28, 1845 in Wayne County.

M16.2 Jakob Gilliom, born June 17, 1831, Wayne County, Ohio, probably went to California.

M16.3 Isaak Gilliom (AC25), born April 4, 1832, Wayne County, Ohio, married Melanie Haenny (O8.5) who was born in Switzerland. He united with the Apostolic Christian Church.

M16.4 Magdalena Gilliom (AC26), born December 8, 1833, Wayne County, Ohio, married Christian Lepper about 1858. He was born February 13, 1818 in Germany and died July 13, 1899. He is buried in St. John UCC Cemetery. He had been a member of the Reformed Church, but was excommunicated.

M16.5 Adam Gilliom, born February 8, 1835, Wayne County, Ohio, married Elisabeth Beer (M51.4) on March 28, 1864.

M16.6 Daniel Gilliom, born October 16, 1837, Wayne County, Ohio, died July 26, 1901.

M16.7 Maria Gilliom, born February 15, 1840, Wayne County, Ohio, married John (Johann) Suter (M21.8) in 1863.

M16.8 Benjamin Gilliom, born January 16, 1843, Wayne County, Ohio, died September 18, 1883.

M16.9 Abraham Lui Gilliom, born May 6, 1845, Wayne County, Ohio, died December 15, 1857.

M16.10 Heinrich Gilliom, born May 30, 1847, Adams County, Indiana, died August 7, 1889.

M17. **Peter (Luginbühl) Luginbill** was born February 1, 1818 in the community of Boron, Territory of Belfort, France. Here his family rented a farm in the forest of Normanvillars. Together with his parents, Johannes and Anna Bösiger Luginbühl, he came to the United States on the ship *Elizabeth*, which landed in New York on July 9, 1825. Somehow his name was not entered on the ship list that was made when they arrived in New York. The family settled in Wayne County, Ohio.

Peter was married December 1, 1838 in Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio to **Barbara Steiner** (M7.2). She was born June 13, 1818 in Boron, near Florimont, France and came to the United States at the age of seven with her parents, Christen (M7) and Barbara Pfister Steiner. Peter and Barbara Luginbill came with three children to Adams County, Indiana on September 4, 1847.[42] His brother John came with his family at the same time. Their wives were sisters. His net worth in 1850 was $500. Peter died October 18, 1886, and Barbara on Aug. 27, 1897 in Adams County, Indiana. They are buried in MRE cemetery.

The second home that they built, after a log cabin, is preserved in the Swiss Heritage Village, in Berne, Indiana. It is the type of construction that was used in France.

M17.1 Susanna Luginbill, born October 11, 1839, and died September 18, 1840 in Allen County, Ohio.

M17.2 John (Johann) P. Luginbill, born June 18, 1841, in Allen County, Ohio, married Katharina Reusser (M75.3) on October 1, 1868.

M17.3 Christian P. Luginbill, born September 4, 1843, in Allen County, Ohio. He married Anna Barbara Lehman (M31.1) on March 26, 1868 in the home of her parents.

M17.4 Elisabeth Luginbill was born April 13, 1846, in Allen County, Ohio. She had epilepsy and remained single. She died March 20, 1896 in Adams County, Indiana.

M17.5 Katharina Luginbill, born November 29, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana, married minister Samuel Ferdinand Sprunger (M38.6) on October 2, 1872, in Wells County, Indiana, in the home of Elder Christian Baumgartner.

M17.6 Samuel Luginbill, born May 12, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana, married Katharina Wedel on December 2, 1883, in her home in Moundridge, Kansas.

M17.7 Anna Luginbill, born January 28, 1854, married David Bixler on July 10, 1875, in Linn Grove, Indiana.

M17.8 David Luginbill, born November 26, 1856 married Marianna C. Lehman (M58.7) on June 6, 1880, in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M17.9 Christina Luginbill, born August 29, 1859 in Adams County, Indiana, married Samuel B. Hirschy (A15.5) on April 24, 1881 in the

Berne Mennonite Church. He joined the Mennonite Church about the time of his marriage. He farmed and taught school. He was the first teacher of a Sunday School class in English in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M17.10 Marianna Luginbill, born July 9, 1862 in Adams County, Indiana, married Abraham S. Stucky, on January 9, 1883, in Berne, Indiana.

M18. **John (Johann Luginbühl) Luginbill** was born May 5, 1822, in Boron, in the community of Belfort, France. He was a brother to Peter (M17) and also came to the United States with his parents in 1825. He married **Maria Steiner** (M7.4) on February 8, 1843 in Allen County, Ohio, a sister to Peter's wife. She was born April 25, 1820, in Boron, Territory of Belfort, France. They came to Adams County on September 4, 1847, with two children.[43] His net worth was $400 in 1850.

Following the death of Maria on November 7, 1893, John married **Verena Suter** on September 9, 1894 in Pandora, Ohio. She was born August 18, 1827, in Boron, Community of Belfort, France. They had no children. She died August 15, 1903, in Pandora, Ohio and is buried there.

John died December 11, 1901. He and his first wife are buried in the MRE cemetery. His net worth in 1850 was $400.

M18.1 Daniel Luginbühl, born December 6, 1843 in Allen County, Ohio, died December 8, 1843.

M18.2 Jeremias (Jerry) Luginbill, born April 24, 1845, Allen County, Ohio, married Barbara Lehman (M58.3) on November 11, 1869 in the Berne Mennonite Church. He was a close friend of Samuel F. Sprunger (M38.6) so drove him to the Wadsworth Seminary in Ohio with his father's horse and buggy.[44] The round trip was approximately 400 miles.

M18.3 Daniel Luginbill, born May 19, 1847, Putnam County, Ohio, married Hattie Cochren on September 5, 1874. They divorced and he then married Ida Reusser on February 26, 1888 in Moundridge, Kansas.

M18.4 Christian Luginbill, born September 25, 1849, Adams County, Indiana, married Marianna (Maria) Moser on March 14, 1869 in Decatur, Indiana.

M18.5 Susanna Luginbill, born August 25, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana, died August 12, 1854, in Adams County.

M18.6 Christina Luginbill, born March 6, 1852 in Adams County, Indiana, married Peter C. Lehman (M58.1) on November 11, 1869 in Berne, Indiana.

M18.7 Marianna Luginbill, born September 14, 1856, in Adams County, Indiana, married Peter P. Aschbacher (R49) on September 25, 1875. Following his death on May 28, 1900, she married Martin Stair on February 18, 1903 at her home in Decatur, Indiana.

M18.8 Katharina Luginbill, born November 9, 1860, in Adams County, married Abraham C. Neuenschwander (M72.6) on December 29, 1878. He died March 24, 1887. She then married Emil A. Burkhalter on December 24, 1893 in the Berne Mennonite Church. Emil came to the United States to Stark County, Ohio on February 25, 1884. He then came to Adams County on January 15, 1885.

M18.9 Lydia Luginbill, born July 15, 1864, in Adams County, Indiana, married Philemon Sprunger (M71.5) on October 21, 1883, in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M19. **Peter (Bichsel) Bixler** was born September 15, 1824 in Wayne County, Ohio. His parents, Jakob Bichsel and Elisabeth Kammerman, were one of the early families to settle in the Sonnenberg community of Wayne County, arriving on August 12, 1821. He came to Adams County, Indiana in October 1847, while single. Here he met and married **Maria Baumgartner** (M1.2) on September 21, 1848. She was born in Switzerland on September 4, 1820, and came to Adams County with her parents in 1839.[45] They had no children. In 1860, her mother Barbara was living with them. His net worth in 1850 was $400. After the death of Maria on June 25, 1897, he returned to the Sonnenberg community in Wayne County, Ohio. Maria is buried in the MRE cemetery.

The Bichsel family came to the United States leaving Switzerland April 9, 1821. They set sail on the Danish brig *Thetis* on May 19, 1821, and arrived in New York July 5. They arrived in Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio on August 12, 1821. In the Jura they lived 2 miles east of Court

in Chaluet valley (Tscheiwo).

M20. **Christian Bierie** was born June 24, 1820 in Chaluet, Moutier, Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1824 and went to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. He was married on February 22, 1848, in Allen County, Ohio to **Anna Suter** (M21.2), daughter of John (M21) and Katharina Moser Suter. Elder Ulrich Steiner officiated at the wedding. She was born February 13, 1828, in Wayne County, Ohio. He came to Adams County in the spring of 1848, to get a house started and to work his land.[46] Anna and their first child came to Adams County with her parents in 1849. Baby Katharina died just a month after coming to Indiana. Five months later their second child, John, was born. Living with them in 1850 was Anna's younger sister Mary Suter (M21.10), age 10, born in Ohio. His net worth in 1850 was $600.

By 1863 the family had moved to Nottingham Township in Wells County, Indiana. Here they joined the Old Salem Church (Evangelical). Anna died August 4, 1882, and Christian died November 10, 1899. They both died in the village of Domestic, Wells County, Indiana and are buried in the Old Salem Church cemetery. Moving outside the Mennonite community, none of their children married Mennonites.

M20.1 Katharina Bieri, born December 22, 1848, in Wayne County, Ohio, died June 10, 1849, in Adams County, Indiana.

M20.2 John (Johann) Bieri, born November 12, 1849, Adams County, Indiana, married Emma Twigg on January 22, 1872.

M20.3 Peter Bieri, born November 21, 1850, Adams County, Indiana, married Christina Moeschberger (R10.1) on January 8, 1872.

M20.4 Anna Bieri, born February 14, 1852, in Adams County, Indiana, married Joseph Musser on March 23, 1873, in Adams County, Indiana.

M20.5 Abraham Bieri, born October 15, 1853, in Adams County, Indiana, married Savilla Twigg on January 22, 1879.

M20.6 Maria Bieri, born June 30, 1855, in Adams County, Indiana, married Marion Shinn on June 30, 1900.

M20.7 Christina Bieri, born December 14, 1856, in Adams County, Indiana, died December 2, 1860.

M20.8 Elisabeth Bieri, born December 17, 1857, in Adams County, died January 13, 1882, in Wells County, Indiana.

M20.9 Daniel Bieri, born May 3, 1859, in Adams County, died August 13, 1959.

M20.10 Emanuel Bieri, born April 22, 1860, in Adams County, Indiana, married Wilmeta Kimbel on December 9, 1890, in Wells County, Indiana.

M20.11 Sarah Bieri, born April 28, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana, married Ernest Heche on February 16, 1884.

M20.12 Susanna Bieri, born December 11, 1863, in Wells County, Indiana married Fredrick Blocker. He died November 8, 1903, in Wells County and was buried in the Old Salem Church Cemetery. Then on March 5, 1905, she married Noah Gottschalk in Wells County.

M20.13 Amalia Bieri, born October 26, 1865 in Wells County, Indiana, died August 20, 1866.

M20.14 Eli C. Bieri, born June 28, 1867 in Wells County, Indiana, married Elizabeth Beeler on October 29, 1887.

M20.15 child Bieri, born March 13, 1869, died the same day.

M20.16 Jacob Bieri, born December 31, 1870 in Wells County, married Clara Dunwiddie on February 19, 1902.

M21. **John (Johann) Suter** was born March 10, 1796 in Upper Alsace, France. He came to the United States in April 1825 to Lancaster Pennsylvania. Shortly after arriving, possibly that Fall, he married **Katharina Moser** who was born June 1, 1807, at La Combe, Moutier, Switzerland. She came to the United States with her mother and stepfather, Magdalena Holzer Moser and Jacob Luthi, arriving July 9, 1825 on the ship *Elizabeth*. They spent some time in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after which they went to Wayne County, Ohio, and lived in the Sonnenberg community. Subsequently they came to Wells County, Indiana, on May 10, 1849.[47] Their daughter Anna's husband, Christian Bieri (M20) had come the year before.

Katharina died May 25, 1872, and John died August 14, 1877. It is not known where they are buried, possibly in Greenwood Cemetery. In 1850 his net worth was $600.

Their first child, Magdalena, and her husband, Abraham Beeler (R12), came to Wells County as well, arriving after 1845 when their first child was born. They related to the St. John Reformed Church so are not listed by Samuel Lehman, and they are buried in St. John United Church of Christ cemetery, Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M21.1 Magdalena Suter, born November 26, 1826, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Abraham Beeler (R12) on August 19, 1847 in Wayne County, Ohio.

M21.2 Anna Sutter, born February 13, 1828, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Christian Bieri (M20) on February 22, 1848.

M21.3 Abraham Suter, born March 20, 1829, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Elizabeth Lugibihl May 1, 1856, in Putnam County, Ohio.

M21.4 Peter Suter, born May 1830, Wayne County, Ohio, died the spring of 1894.

M21.5 Jacob Suter, born December 25, 1831, Wayne County, Ohio, married Catherine Reiff on September 12, 1857.

M21.6 Catherine Suter, born November 5, 1833, Wayne County, Ohio, married Jacob Ensley on May 31, 1851.

M21.7 Sarah (Sally) Suter, born November 5, 1834, Wayne County, Ohio, married Christian J. Lehman (M49) on August 31, 1856. After his death she married Alfred Romey on November 18, 1873 in Adams County, Indiana.

M21.8 John Suter, born January 26, 1837, Wayne County, Ohio, married Maria Gilliom (M16.7) in 1863.

M21.9 Elisabeth Suter, born July 5, 1838, Wayne County, Ohio, married John Jacob Schaupp.

M21.10 Marianna Suter, born March 8, 1840, Wayne County, Ohio, married Adam Hartman on December 30, 1862, in Wells County, Indiana. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, so she joined his church. He was chosen to serve as a minister, and was ordained as Elder in 1887.

M21.11 Susanna Suter, born March 6, 1841, Wayne County, Ohio, died June 12, 1907.

M21.12 Margrit Suter, born 1842, Wayne County, Ohio, died in April 1895.

M21.13 Barbara Suter, born 1844, Wayne County, Ohio, married James Donahue on June 12, 1869.

M21.14 Maria Suter, born November 5, 1845, Wayne County Ohio, married Edward Schwartz on March 1, 1865, in Wells County, Ohio.

M22. **John (Johann) Soldner** was born June 27, 1815, in Alsace, France. He came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on June 19, 1845. He married **Maria Stauffer** on May 21, 1850, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio by a Reformed Church pastor. This may indicate that he was not a member of a Mennonite church at this time. He must have joined the Mennonite Church in Adams County as Samuel Lehman lists the family.

Maria was born on January 17, 1820 in Wayne County, Ohio, the daughter of Johann Stauffer and Maria Steiner, so is a sister to Johann Stauffer (M8) who married Anna Steiner. The Soldner family came to Wabash Township, Adams County, on September 2, 1850, too late to be recorded by the census taker. He purchased 177.6 acres in Wabash Township. With improvements it was worth $523.00 in 1853.

John died December 1, 1905 and Maria on January 21, 1907. They were living in Berne at the time and are buried in the MRE Cemetery.

M22.1 Verena Soldner, born March 7, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana, died February 1, 1857.

M22.2 David Soldner, born May 24, 1853, in Adams County, married Anna Wulliman (M43.6) on December 21, 1876.

M22.3 John (Johann) J. Soldner, born August 28, 1854, in Adams County, Indiana, married Katharina Huser on September 19, 1876.

M22.4 Samuel Soldner, born February 10, 1856, married Sarah Gilliom on November 16, 1878.

M22.5 Barbara Soldner, born September 1858 in Adams County, Indiana, married Peter P. Lehman on January 17, 1900.

M22.6 Peter Soldner was born February 19, 1860, in Adams County, Indiana.

M22.7 Jonas Soldner, born November 12, 1861 in Adams County, Indiana, married Sarah C. Sprunger (M41.7) in August 1835 in Fresno, California.

M22.8 Maria Soldner, born September 2, 1864, in Adams County, Indiana, was married to Wilhelm Baumgartner (M4.8) on April 19, 1894.

M23. **Isaac Moser** (M9.2) was born June 26, 1827, at La Combe, Mt. de Moutier, Switzerland. He came to the United States with his parents to the Sonnenberg community, Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1831. Then they came to Adams County, Indiana, on October 20, 1839. He married **Verena Augsburger** (M11.6) on September 5, 1850. They made their home in Adams County, west of Vera Cruz, in October 1850. Verena came with her parents to Adams County, in 1842. He was selected by lot for the ministry on October 20, 1850, in the Baumgartner congregation in French Township, Adams County.[48] It is said that he preached only once or twice and was not active. He did not seem to have the gift of speaking before an audience. He purchased 63.55 acres in French township for $275.00 with improvements.

Verena died November 15, 1873, in Berne, and Isaak died January 21, 1899, in Chattanooga, Mercer County, Ohio. This is just east of Berne, across the state line.

M23.1 Son Moser was stillborn June 2, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana.

M23.2 John (Johann) Moser, born May 23, 1852, in Adams County, married Katharina Falb (M15.9) on March 5, 1874, in Adams County.

M23.3 Katharina Moser, born September 11, 1854, died November 3, 1944, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

M23.4 Elisabeth Moser, born September 11, 1857, in Adams County, died before September 1866.

M23.5 child Moser was stillborn October 5, 1860, in Adams County, Indiana.

M23.6 Elisabeth Moser, born September 19, 1866, in Adams County, married Jacob Egle on September 10, 1904. He had been previously married to Barbara Roth who was born June 4, 1855 in Basel, Switzerland, and died February 14, 1901.

The Michael Neuenschwander Family

Michael Neuenschwander, born July 11, 1799 on the farm Sur la Chevre, on Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Barbara Beer about 1806. They had six children who came to Adams County, Indiana at different times. All were born on the farm Sur la Chevre. All but one of the boys had the middle initial M. to distinguish them from others with the same name.

1. Magdalena Neuenschwander, born September 7, 1807, married Christian Nussbaum (M44). They came to Adams County in 1852.

2. Johann M. Neuenschwander, born January 28, 1810, married Judith Brechbuhl on January 8, 1847. They came to Adams County in 1883.

3. Michael Neuenschwander born June 15, 1811 married Elisabeth Moser on September 8, 1839. They settled in Allen County, Ohio in 1846. Following her death on May 16, 1865, he married Marianna Habegger on January 10, 1867. They came to Adams County sometime after their marriage.

4. Christian M. Neuenschwander (M24), married Barbara Roth on October 3, 1846 who was of Amish background. They came to Adams County in 1850. Following her death he married Anna Barbara Gerber.

5. Isaac M. Neuenschwander (M50), born November 10, 1814, came to Adams County in 1853. He married Karoline Liebmann, who was not Mennonite, on November 27, 1858.

6. Ulrich M. Neuenschwander (M53), born April 15, 1819, married Anna Saurer on April 8, 1852 in Wayne County, Ohio. She was not Mennonite, and they joined the Reformed Church.

M24. **Christian M. Neuenschwander**, born December 10, 1812, on Montagne de Moutier, Switzerland came to the United States as a young man to the Sonnenberg community in Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1842. He returned to Switzerland on August 19, 1845, then came back to Sonnenberg, Ohio on June 18, 1846. He married **Barbara Roth** on October 3, 1846. She was born in 1817 in France. They came to Adams County, Indiana, on September 16, 1850.[49] She had been Amish but this family related to the Mennonite church. She died August 24, 1851, six days after the birth of her third child.

Christian married a second time, **Anna Barbara Gerber** (AC3.2) on March 28, 1854, in Wells County, Indiana. She was born at Spitzenegg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She came to the United States and went to the Sonnenberg community in Wayne County, Ohio

on June 4, 1848. Then on May 16, 1851, she came to Adams County, Indiana. Her family united with the Apostolic Christian Church in the division in 1858. Christian and Anna were married by the Wells County Justice of the Peace and had thirteen children. He purchased 80 acres in French township for $240.00 with $20 worth of improvements. Anna Barbara died November 16, 1876 and is buried in St. John UCC cemetery in Wells County. Christian died November 30, 1905 in Putnam County, Ohio where his son Daniel was living. In 1860 his net worth was $1,700.

M24.1 John (Johann) C. Neuenschwander, born October 25, 1847, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Barbara Amstutz (M60.3) on December 24, 1868, in her parent's home, Adams County.

M24.2 Jakob M. Neuenschwander, born May 11, 1849, Wayne County, Ohio, married Lydia Kaufmann (A23.1) on October 7, 1871. After her death he married Barbara Egly on December 25, 1882, likely in Allen County, Indiana.

M24.3 Daughter Neuenschwander, born and died August 18, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana.

The following are children of Anna Barbara Gerber. They were all born in Adams County, Indiana.

M24.4 Benjamin Neuenschwander, born October 21, 1855, married Mary Martha Klopfenstein on February 21, 1878.

M24.5 Cleophas Neuenschwander, born May 16, 1857, married Leah Liechty (M67.5) on February 28, 1899 in Bluffton, Ohio.

M24.6 Elisabeth Neuenschwander, born July 18, 1858, married James Brunner on February 22, 1887. After he died March 11, 1914, she married Jacob J. Flory.

M24.7 Jonas Neuenschwander, born January 15, 1860, married Margaret (Maggie) Bischoff on November 17, 1888, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M24.8 Rachel Neuenschwander, born February 23, 1861, married Peter Moeschberger (R9.9) on July 3, 1884.

M24.9 Anna Neuenschwander, born October 7, 1862, married Charles Gilliom (AC25.1) on May 1, 1886, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M24.10 Fanny Neuenschwander, born June 10, 1864, married Jacob (Frederick) Atz on October 1, 1888.

M24.11 Daniel C. Neuenschwander, born December 27, 1865, married Dina Moser (M48.9) on October 3, 1891 in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M24.12 Japhet Neuenschwander, born March 18, 1867, married Susanna Bischoff on October 28, 1893.

M24.13 Lydia Neuenschwander, born August 30, 1868, died May 5, 1873.

M24.14 Aldine Neuenschwander, born December 21, 1870, married John T. Burkholder on October 13, 1892.

M24.15 Emma Neuenschwander, born October 24, 1872, married Daniel Eckrote on March 10, 1894.

M24.16 Mary Neuenschwander, born February 15, 1875, married Edward Moser.

The following two families were not listed by Samuel Lehman in the *Familien Register*, but they were in the community in 1850. They must not have stayed long as they do not appear in the 1860 census.

M25. **David Stauffer** was born March 5, 1814 in Normanvillars, in the community of Florimont, France. After coming to the United States, David first lived in Wayne County, Ohio, then moved to Putnam County, Ohio around 1835. In 1850, the family was in Adams County, Indiana. He married June 1, 1837, to **Elisabeth Neuenschwander** in Putnam County, Ohio. She was born December 29, 1816, near Perrefitte, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died January 24, 1845, in Putnam County, Ohio.

David married again in 1845 to **Katharina Neuenschwander**. She was born January 4, 1826, in Virginia. They had two daughters with them in 1850 in Adams County. The children from these two marriages were:

M25.1 Christina Stauffer, born December 28, 1837, in Putnam County, Ohio.

M25.2 Regina Stauffer, born August 15, 1840, in Putnam County, Ohio.

M25.3 Peter Stauffer, born May 13, 1843, in Putnam County, Ohio.

M25.4 David Stauffer, born in 1845. He was alive in 1850.

M25.5 Mary Stauffer, born January 1, 1846,

in Putnam County, Ohio.

M25.6 Elisabeth Stauffer, born November 18, 1847, Putnam County, Ohio

David purchased 160.19 acres in Wabash Township for $400.00, and it had $190.00 worth of improvements. Some time prior to 1860, the family moved back to Ohio. David died December 23, 1880, in Allen County, Ohio and Elisabeth died January 24, 1845 in Putnam County, Ohio.

M26. **Johann Yost**, born about 1770, was 80 years of age in 1850. He was married to **Barbara**, surname unknown, who was 60 years of age, so born about 1790. They are listed in the 1850 census without any children. They owned no property. Samuel Lehman gives the name of a possible son of this couple:

M26.1 Johann Yost, born April 10, 1815, in Canton Bern, Switzerland.[50] He married Susanna Ashbacher (R48) on March 16, 1867. Since his name does not appear in the 1850 census, he may have been away working in some other community at that time.

Living with this elderly couple was Barbara Bixler, a fifteen-year-old, who was born in Ohio. Son Johann (John) and his wife are both buried in St. John UCC cemetery in Wells County, Indiana. It is not certain that this elderly couple were Mennonites.

Summary

From the above listing we can see that there were at least two-dozen families that made up the Mennonite Community in 1850. It could have been that some of the families were participating only marginally in a congregation that met no more than once a month for worship.

Coming to an area where clearing land and making a home was a major effort, it can be understood that some families had little energy or time to devote to developing ties with people who lived some distance away. Four of the couples named had ties to both the Mennonite and Amish churches.

John Augsburger (M12 and M11.4) had married a wife, Anna Geiman, who had been Amish. Thus it is not surprising that two of their children, Lydia (M12.2) and John (M12.3) married spouses from the Amish. The other two sons married Baumgartner sisters.

The first decade of frontier life, with all its hardships, did not result in an unusual number of deaths for that period of history. The first death was of Maria Baumgartner (M3.8) who was born in1842, and died Sept. 25, 1843. She was a child of Johann (M3) and Katharina (Amstutz) Baumgartner. They lost two other children in infancy: David (M31) and Maria (M3.12)

Barbara Baumgartner (M1.7), daughter of Minister David (M1) and Barbara Steiner Baumgartner died of Tuberculosis on October 28, 1846. Living in close quarters in log cabins, it is surprising that not more people succumbed to this disease.

Four other children died during this period: Elisabeth Falb (M15.4), (age 9) died November 19, 1846, the child of Isaac (M15) and Barbara Lehman Falb; Katharina Bieri (M20.1) (age five months), died June 10, 1849, the child of Christian (M20) and Anna Suter Bieri; a stillborn son (M23.1), was born June 2, 1851 to Isaac (M23) and Verena Augsburger Moser, and a stillborn daughter (M24.3), was born to Christian (M24) and Barbara (Roth) Neuenschwander. The birth of this last child resulted in the death of the mother six day later.

Two other mothers had died earlier. The first was Verena Schrag, wife of Christian Baumgartner (M2); the first Mennonite couple to have settled in this area. She died October 24, 1850, in Wells County, after living here for eleven years. She gave birth to seven children, the youngest of which was a month less than two years of age when she died. Christian Stauffer (M10) lost his wife Maria Steiner on April 21, 1851.

The loss of these children and mothers, along with the stress of pioneer life, was a heavy burden for the families. Having to be responsible for the funeral of his thirty-four-year-old daughter, must have been particularly difficult for Minister David. He wrote:

> *"Barbara was sick for 22 months with consumption, and died in October, 1847. Thus her suffering is over, and we thank God who helped us through."*

Some families had lost children prior to coming to Adams and Wells Counties as well.

At the end of 1851, from these twenty-six families, there were 48 adults, and 98 single young adults and children. This made a community of 146 people in just eleven years. The families were growing in number and were prospering.

By 1850 the net worth of these families varied from $260 to $3,000. Peter (M9) and Katharina Oberli Moser and, who had five sons 15 years of age and older living at home helping with the work, and who had been living here since the fall of 1839, were the most prosperous.

Families	Net Worth
2	260 - 275
2	400
4	500 - 590
2	600
1	800
1	900
1	1,000
2	1,500
3	2,000 - 2,200
2	2,500
1	3,000

Nine families were doing very well, while the others were just beginning to get a foothold. Four older couples had no property so no net worth was recorded for them. The median net worth for the twenty-one property owners was just less than $1,500 and the average was $1,168.

Minister David Baumgartner (M1) led the congregation in taking steps to strengthen the congregation. On March 18, 1845, when there were only thirteen families in the congregation, action was taken to select another minister to assist him. He was now 81 years of age. It is not known who all were nominated, but David's son Christian (M2) was chosen by lot and ordained as a preacher. He and his father alternated in giving a sermon to the people gathered for worship every three weeks.

Five years later, on October 20, 1850 the congregation again made nominations for another minister. Isaak Moser (M23) was selected through the use of the lot. Sadly, this was not a good selection. He attempted to preach a time or two, but it was obvious to him and to the group that though he was a good person, he did not have the gifts to preach.

ENDNOTES

1. The information used in this book has been entered into a genealogical database by David L. Habegger. This has formed the base for the Berne SAT (Swiss Ancestral Tree), which is maintained by the Heritage Room in the Berne Public Library. Currently there are over 75,000 names in this database. Information on additional ancestors, descendants and family members make this a valuable resource for all persons interested in information about their ancestry.

2. Ed Liechty, *The Roots of Berne, Indiana*, (Berne, IN: Economy Printing Concern, 1977), 91.

3. This information was given by John Rich's grandson, Noah C. Hirschy.

4. No other record of this building has been found. It likely would have been erected some time after 1871 when the Egly Amish erected their first church building.

5. Amish do not have photographs because of the commandment in Deuteronomy 5:8 against making any graven image.

6. When the French occupied the Palatinate in 1803, they removed all limitations, legal, economic, and ecclesiastical, from the Mennonites in 1803. Yet even today the Mennonite churches in the Palatinate follow the heritage of the restrictions for there is only one with a bell tower.

7. "Montbeliard" *Mennonite Encyclopedia*, Vol. III, (Scottdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing House, 1957), 745.

8. Eva Sprunger, *The First Hundred Years*, Berne, IN: 1938, 19, 26. Mennonites slowly changed their patterns of dress, while the Amish continued with their traditional styles with some modifications over the years. Mennonites may not have used buttons until Samuel F. Sprunger served as their minister.

9. The Amish women of Adams County wear

black bonnets today as several Mennonite families united with them in the 1880s. The Mennonites said that the black caps showed more humility, and the Amish were willing to make the change.

10. Schwyzerdütsch is one of the five national languages of Switzerland today. It did not have a standardized orthography until about 1980, so it has remained primarily a spoken language.

11. J.F. Snow, *Snow's History of Adams County*, (Indiana. Indianapolis, IN: B.F. Bowen & CO., 1907),180.

12. High German was not used in preaching by the Mennonites until Samuel F. Sprunger returned to Berne in 1870, following a year in the Wadsworth, Ohio, Seminary. Eva Sprunger, *op. cit.*, p. 26. Most Amish of Adams County have continued to use the dialect as the primary language until more recent years.

13. The Froschauer Bible was published by Christoph Froschauer in Zurich, Switzerland. It was first published in part in 1524. In 1529 the complete Bible was printed, several years before Luther's. It was popular because of its clear type, use of the local dialect, and pictorial decoration. This translation, which was prized by the Anabaptists, was reprinted several times in Basel, and in 1744 in Strasbourg. All the reprints were forbidden in the Canton of Bern, and were confiscated by the authorities. The New Testament was printed in Ephrata, PA in 1787. "Froschauer Bibles and Testaments," *Mennonite Encyclopedia*, II, Scottdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing House, 1956, 415.

14. Sprunger, 108.

15. *The Evangelical Mennonite*, February 15, 1963, 13.

16. New International Version of the Holy Bible.

17. A lectionary used by the *Taufer* (Mennonites) in the Munsterberg congregation in the Jura of Canton Bern, dating from 1763, documents this emphasis. Andrea Boldt, Werner Enninger, Delbert L. Gratz, *Mennonites in Transition From Switzerland To America.* (Morgantown, PA: Masthof Press), 1997.

18. Sprunger, 14.

19. The correct form of Rev. is "The Reverend." This however was too formal for Mennonites, thus they tended to use the abbreviation when writing or in print. Some who were not too familiar with the term addressed their ministers as "Revner."

20. S.H. Baumgartner, *Historical Sketches of Seven Generations of Descendants of Deacon David Baumgartner*, (Indianapolis, IN: 1907), 16.

21. Ibid. p. 12. The date is from records in Langnau, and this corresponds to a letter he wrote on January 25, 1853 when he penned, "Today I begin my 89th year;" The date on his tombstone, Jan. 15, 1763, and on the family tree are in error.

22. Samuel Lehman, *Familien Register*, 2 has them arriving on September 16, 1838. Both E.Sprunger, *The First Hundred Years*, 4 and his own letter have it as August 1839. The letter is given in translation in Samuel H. Baumgartner, Op. Cit., 13 - 18.

23. Samuel Lehman, Op. Cit., 25. Eva Sprunger, Op. Cit., 4.

24. Samuel Lehman, Ibid. 16.

25. Ibid. 36.

26. Samuel Lehman, Ibid., 62. and Samuel H. Baumgartner, *Brief Historical Sketches of Eight Generations; Descendants of Ulrich Welty* (Indianapolis, IN.:1926), 121-23.

27. Ibid., 17.

28. On the ship list her name is given as Catherine.

29. Samuel Lehman, op. cit. 5.

30. The new stone that was erected on her grave

has both of their names, and an error in the dates.

31. Lehman, op. cit. 41.

32. Ibid., 9.

33. Naomi Lehman, *Pilgrimage of a Congregation*. (Berne, IN: First Mennonite Church, 1982), 180.

34. Ibid., 15

35. Samuel Lehman, op.cit. 1 For information on their journey to the United States see Neil Ann Stuckey Levine, "The True Origins of Johannes Vordemwald and Anna Wagler", Mennonite Family History, Vol. XIV, No. 1, 20, 21. Homer D. Augsburger, "Descendants of Christian Augsburger, Barbara Liechty Augsburger", November 1981, 3,4.

36. Samuel Lehman, op.cit. 891.

37. Ibid., 1, 37, 45. See work of Homer D. Augsburger cited above.

38. Samuel Lehman, Ibid., 33.

39. Research of James O. Lehman.

40. Samuel Lehman, Op. Cit., 13.

41. Ibid., 11.

42. Ibid., 26.

43. Ibid., 39.

44. Sprunger, op. cit., 25.

45. Ibid., 56.

46. Ibid., 55.

47. Ibid., 4.

48. Ibid., 69, 891.

49. Ibid., 46.

50. Samuel Lehman, op. cit., 155.

Chapter 3
The Amish from 1840 through 1851

The Beginning of the Amish Congregation

To identify the Amish families that first settled in Adams County, Indiana is not as easy as it has been to identify the Mennonite families. There is no comparable source to Samuel Lehman's *Familien Register* to go to for information. We do have the 1840 and 1850 census records, but as has been noted, the 1840 census record is not complete. The land purchase records and annual tax records are helpful in determining when people arrived in Adams County as settlers. Along with the property tax a "head tax" was levied on each resident that was called the poll tax. This tax helps us determine when people were actually present in the county.

Quite a few Amish came to Adams County from the Territory of Montbeliard, France. Around the early 1700s the Anabaptists who settled in that area began to refer to themselves as Mennonite. This was due to the fact that in 1660 a number of ministers signed their names to the Dutch Mennonite Dortrecht Confession of 1632. However, those who came to America became known as Amish or Amish Mennonite for their forebears had sided with Jacob Amman (from whom the name Amish was taken) in the separation from the Swiss Anabaptists in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland in 1693.

The congregation that lived in the area around Montbeliard began keeping a church record in which were recorded the births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of members beginning in 1750. This is a significant source of information on a good number of the Amish families in Adams County, Indiana. [1]

Information on the families that came from the area of Montbeliard, France has also been gathered from the French civil records. These along with the Montbeliard Mennonite Church record provide records of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths.[2]

The Montbeliard Church record along with the French and American census records, the tax records, and family histories, make it possible to compile a fairly accurate list of families that came during the first decades of the settlement.

As we noted in Chapter 1 the first person in Adams County that we can identify as Amish was the single man, Christian Schwartzentruber. He had purchased 80 acres on October 24, 1838 so he could have settled on his land any time between that date and 1840 when the census lists him as residing here.[2]

A1. **Christian Schwartzentruber**, age 39 was born in 1810 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany the son of Johannes Schwartzentruber and Anna Schwartzentruber.[3] He was married November 8, 1840, to **Susanna Baker**, born in Pennsylvania. She was 37 years of age so was born about 1813. Since their first child was nine years of age, Christian and Susanna were married in 1840, shortly after the 1840 census taker had identified him as a single man.

Christian owned 80 acres in Wabash Township, Adams County. A plat map of 1896, shows this land was owned by their children.

Mary and Adam each had 40 acres. By 1860 the parents were no longer living. Their son Jacob and wife Sarah, and a daughter, are buried in Crawford Cemetery two miles east of Berne.

A1.1 Mary Schwartzentruber, born in 1841 in Adams County, Indiana, married George Meyers. Then on September 26, 1877, she married Graf Gotlieb.

A1.2 Jacob Schwartzentruber, born in 1842 in Adams County, Indiana, married Sarah J. Coffelt (1847–1926) on August 19, 1869.

A1.3 Adam Schwartzentruber was born August 28, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana. He likely remained single. He died February 4, 1914.

A1.4 Joseph Schwartzentruber, was born about 1849 in Adams County, Indiana. He is not named in the 1860 census so may have left or died.

Having married a wife who was not Amish, Christian Schwartzentruber probably did not continue in the church in which he had been reared. His children also married outside the Amish Church so probably had little or no connection with the congregation. Christian had a net worth in 1850 of $500.

A2. **Jacob J. Liechti** was born February 19, 1808, in Allenjoie, France. He came to the United States as a single person in 1832. He was 30 years of age when he married **Katharina J. Wenger** (A4.2) [4] on August 30, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio. She was only 17 years of age. She was born September 14, 1820, in St. Margrethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland, the daughter of Johannes Wenger. Jacob purchased 160 acres in Adams County on March 13, 1837, the same day nine other Amish from Wayne County also made a purchase. The family came to Adams County, in 1841 and could be the first Amish family that continued to live here.[5] In the 1850 census his wife's name is mistakenly given as Wilhelmina. They had a net worth of $1,500.

The fact that sons John and Christian assisted their father in clearing the land and in the work of the farm, helped their father prosper. Jacob died November 11, 1881, and Katharina died September 18, 1900. They are buried in the Huser Cemetery.

A2.1 Jacob Liechty, born December 15, 1838, Wayne County, Ohio, married Anna J. Liechty on December 3, 1871, in Adams County, Indiana.

A2.2 John J. Liechty, born February 18, 1840, Wayne County, Ohio, married Katharina Liechty on December 1, 1864, by the Justice of the Peace in Vera Cruz, Indiana. He became a Mennonite.

A2.3 Barbara Liechty, born February 26, 1842, Adams County, IN, married Christian Augsburger (M11.5) on December 1, 1859 by the Justice of the Peace in Linn Grove, Indiana. The Liechty and Augsburger families lived on adjoining farms and were good friends. When Barbara was an infant, Christian, who was 21 years of age, held her in his arms and said, "Some day I will marry her for my wife."[6] This he did twenty years later.

Because Barbara married outside her Amish Church in which she had been baptized, and then joined the Mennonite Church, she was placed under the ban for being disloyal to her baptismal vows. This meant she could not eat at the same table with the rest of her Amish family when she visited them. When Christian and Barbara visited her parents, though he was not subject to the ban, out of loyalty to her he would sit and eat with her.

Sixteen children were born to this couple of which twelve lived to adulthood. He was 69 years of age and she was 49 when the last child was born.

A2.4 Peter Liechty, born November 15, 1844, Adams County, Indiana, died March 2, 1862, through an accident. He was living with his parents in 1860.

A2.5 Maria Liechty, born February 21, 1847, Adams County, Indiana, married Jacob Schwartz (A52.9) on February 28, 1867, in Adams Co., Indiana.

A2.6 Christian Liechty, born June 2, 1849, Adams County, Indiana, married Christine Hirschy (A14.7) on December 4, 1879, in Adams County, Indiana.

A2.7 Catherine Liechty, born August 30, 1851, Adams County, Indiana, married John D. Musser on July 13, 1870.

A2.8 Verena (Fannie) Liechty, born December 27, 1852, married Daniel Musser.

A2.9 Lydia Liechty, born December 11, 1855, married Jacob Huser on September 14, 1877.

A2.10 Peter W. Liechty, born October 22,

1862, married Mary Anne Musser.

A3. **John (Jean) Rich (Richer)** was born August 9, 1803, in St. Valbert, France. He was married November 18, 1824, to **Elisabeth Schwartz** at Soyère, St. Hippolyte, France. She was born March 5, 1805, in Liebvillers, France. He had been selected by lot by his congregation to serve as a preacher on May 19, 1833. Upon leaving France his Elder, Peter Graber, gave him a German Bible that they brought with them to the United States. The Old Testament was printed in 1532 and the New Testament in 1530.

They came to the United States sailing from Le Havre, France on the ship *Rhine* that arrived in New York on May 12, 1837. On November 18, 1837, he came to the Fort Wayne land office and purchased 160 acres in Adams County, Indiana.[7] It is likely that he came to Adams County during the next couple years to fell some of the trees to have ground for planting crops, and to build a log house. The family moved to Adams County the later part of 1843. In 1850 his net worth was $1000.

Early on, John was concerned about the education of his children, and likely the children of other Amish families. In 1852-53 he hired Mennonite minister Peter S. Lehman, who had recently arrived from Switzerland, to be the teacher of the school in his home during the winter months.

Elisabeth died some time prior to 1860 as she is not in the census of that year. John married the widow **Barbara Hilty Klopfenstein** on June 5, 1863.[8] She was born March 29, 1805 in Hirtzbach, Haut Rhin, France. She was first married to John (Klopfenstein) Clef. At her death she was buried in the Amstutz-Hilty Cemetery. John died some time prior to 1880. It is not known where he is buried. Of the first six children, all but Christian were born at St. Valbert, Haut Rhin, France.[9]

A3.1 Barbara Rich, born August 29, 1825, died April 13, 1827.

A3.2 Mary (Maria) Rich was born April 5, 1827. She married Philip Hirschy (A16) on October 18, 1849.

A3.3 Barbara Rich, born February 25, 1829, died February 9, 1833.

A3.4 Hans Rich, born May 6, 1831, died young.

A3.5 Christian Richer (A58), born about 1832 in France, married Anna Miller on May 13, 1856, and Catherine Lugibill on February 14, 1878. No record of his birth has been found. On the ship list his name is given as Christopher, age 6.

A3.6 Anna Rich, born June 12, 1836, married John (Jean) J. Nofzinger on January 30, 1862.

A3.7 John Rich, born 1839, in Wayne County, Ohio, was working for Philip Hirschy when the 1880 census was taken.

A3.8 Jacob Rich, was born 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio. He was living at home with his father in 1860.

Their last name has been spelled as Rich, Riche, Reicher and Richer. Christian used the latter form. The December 10, 1896, issue of The Berne Witness has an article about early settlers in Indiana. They quote John's grandson Noah C. Hirschy as saying that his grandfather, John Rich, was, "the first Mennonite minister that sounded the trumpet call of God's word in the dense forest that then shrouded the swamps and bogs and morasses that abounded in this vicinity." Though over half of the Amish congregation, including the Hirschy family had already become members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church, it would have been more accurate to have identified his grandfather as Amish or Amish/Mennonite during the time he settled in Adams County.

A4. **Barbara Schneider Wenger**, widow of **Johann Wenger**, was born in January 1786, likely in Hirsingue/Hirsingue, Haut-Rhin, France. They were married April 20, 1818, in St. Margrethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland. This place is on a hill on the western edge of the city of Basel. After her husband died in December 1834, she came to the United States with her three daughters. They first lived in Wayne County, Ohio. Then in 1842 they came to Adams County.[10] Her two oldest daughters were already married. A Barbara Snider purchased 160 acres in Adams County on October 26, 1838. It is possible that she used her maiden name, as there is no evidence of any other woman in the community with that name. It is reported that she is buried in the Huser Cemetery but no stone

marks her grave. It is not known when she died. She does not appear in the1850 census, but in the 1853 tax record Barbara Snyder owns 160 acres and has a net worth of $400.

A4.1 Barbara Wenger, born April 8, 1819, St. Margarethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland, married Peter D. Moser (A5) about 1836.

A4.2 Katharina J. Wenger, born September 14, 1820, in St. Margarethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland, married Jakob J. Liechty (A2) on August 30, 1838.

A4.3 Anna Maria Wenger, born December 31, 1821, St. Margarethen, Canton Basel, Switzerland, married Johannes Augsburger (M12) on December 2, 1845, in Adams County.

The Moser Family

Since five Moser siblings came to Adams county we will list them here to show their connection to each other. The parents of these five siblings were **Hans Moser II** and **Anna Yost**.[11] His parents were Hans Moser I and Maria Kocher who first lived at Diessbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland, then they moved to Les Seignes, near St. Hippolyte, France. Maria died before 1800

Hans II and Anna came to the United States with their children in 1819-20.[12] Daughter Catherine is said to have been born on the voyage to the United States. The oldest daughter lived in Fulton County, Ohio. The two oldest brothers settled in Wayne County and spelled their surname Musser.

Hans Moser II died between November 22, 1835 and December 8, 1838. Anna died before May 29, 1852. Here we name just the children who came to Adams County.

1. Peter D. Moser (A5), born February 14, 1815, married Barbara Wenger about 1836.

2. Verena (Fannie) Moser, born May 4, 1817, married Philip Huser (A12) on October 18, 1842 in Wayne County, Ohio.

3. Catherine Moser, born October 3, 1819[13], married Johannes Schindler (A9) about 1836.

4. Barbara Moser, born March 21, 1821 married Peter Schindler (A10).

5. Abraham Moser (A17), born in 1825 married Barbara Schmucker. After his death she married Peter Neuhauser (A35) on February 27, 1859.

A sister of Hans Moser II was Susanna Moser who married Abraham Biberstein (A18)

A5. **Peter D. Moser** was born February 15, 1815, in St. Hippolyte, France. He was married August 30, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio to **Barbara Wenger** (A4.1). He came to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and purchased 160 acres in Adams County on March 13, 1837. His name is spelled Peter Mosey in that record. He may have been instrumental in his mother-in-law's purchase of land two months after his marriage.

It is logical to think that this family came to Adams County the same time as his widowed mother-in-law and two sisters-in-law, 1842. Their first three children were born in Wayne County, Ohio. According to the 1850 census the rest of the children were born in Indiana. This confirms their arrival time. His net worth in 1850 was $1,000.

Peter died September 29, 1892, and Barbara on January 20, 1902. They are buried in the Biberstein Cemetery.

A5.1 John D. Moser, born October 15, 1837, Wayne County, Ohio, married Magdalina (Mattie) Neuhauser (A36.4) on March 8, 1859.

A5.2 Anna Moser, born September 11, 1839, Wayne County, Ohio, married Joseph Rich on November 28, 1859 according to the Indiana Marriage Index.

A5.3 Peter M. Moser, born October 8, 1841, Wayne County, Ohio, married Barbara Hirschy (A14.3) on March 4, 1869.

A5.4 Christian Moser, born January 19, 1844, Adams County, Indiana, died March 28, 1863. He remained single.

A5.5 Barbara D. Moser, born May 10, 1846, Adams County, Indiana, married Jacob Longaker on July 30, 1866, by the Justice of the Peace. His obituary gives his marriage date as August 2, 1866.

A5.6 Jacob Moser, born September 11, 1848, died March 24, 1849, in Adams County, Indiana

A5.7 Catherine Moser, born February 21, 1850, Adams County, Indiana, married Jacob (Moser) Musser on March 20, 1870. They were first cousins. She is named Susanna in the 1860 census.

A5.8 Joseph D. Moser, born November 21, 1852, married Anna Yoder on September 4, 1887.

Minister Henry Egly officiated. On May 13, 1900 they united with the Reformed Church in Berne.

A5.9 Mary Moser, born January 11, 1855, married Michael Moser, her first cousin. Following his death in 1876, she married Abraham Biberstein (A20.4) on August 3, 1880.

A5.10 Christine Moser, born September 6, 1857, married Cleston Dolt on November 30, 1903.

A5.11 Lydia Moser, born March 28, 1862, married Charles Martin on August 7, 1887.

A5.12 Fanny Moser, born February 1860, married Peter Yoder on November 21, 1886. The year of her birth fits in with the 1860 census.

A6. **Christian G. (Oesch)Eash** was born November 24, 1808/March 24, 1809, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.[14] He was first married, about 1831, to **Dorothea Mast** the daughter of Jacob Mast and Elizabeth Yoder. She was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and died December 3, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana following the birth of her eighth child. They were living in Holmes County, Ohio when he purchased 160 acres in Wabash Township, Adams County, on April 29, 1837. The family moved to Adams County about 1842 for the 1850 census record gives the state in which the children were born.[15]

Following the death of his first wife he married **Sarah Nisley/Nissly** in about 1849 for she appears as his wife in the 1850 census along with his eight children by Dorothy. She was born March 5, 1822, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania the daughter of Christian Nissly and Sarah Miller. She died May 11, 1857.

Christian then married **Barbara Rich** who was previously married to Isaac Biberstein (A19). She was born August 8, 1834 in France and died June 14, 1882 in Elkhart County, Indiana. She could be the daughter of Peter Rich and Barbara Schlatter. Christian died April 11, 1896, in Howard County, Indiana.

His net worth in 1850 was $1,500.

A6.1 Joseph Eash, born March 15, 1832, Holmes County, Ohio, married Nancy Kauffman.

A6.2 Jacob Eash, born March 17, 1834, in Holmes County, Ohio, married Catherine Miller on March 15, 1858. He then married Catherine Hondrich on December 4, 1866.

A6.3 Daniel Eash, born March 12, 1836, Holmes County, Ohio, died in Idaho.

A6.4 Noah Eash, born February 7, 1838, in Holmes County, Ohio, married Barbara Kauffman on February 2, 1865.

A6.5 Barbara Eash, born April 29, 1840, in Holmes County, Ohio, married Christian (Stephen) Lantz.

A6.6 Christian C. Eash, born October 11, 1843, in Adams County, Indiana, married Elizabeth Kauffman in March 1866 in West Point, Iowa.

A6.7 Dorothea Eash, born April 5, 1846, in Adams County, Indiana, married Moses Honderich.

A6.8 Mary Eash, born December 3, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana, married Elias Hooley.

A6.9 Magdalena Eash, born May 5, 1852, in Adams County, died January 17, 1894, in Elkhart County.

A6.10 Susanna Eash, born August 28, 1853, in Adams County, died December 24, 1870, in Elkhart County.

A6.11 Elizabeth Eash, born December 1, 1854, in Adams County, married Noah Schrock.

A6.12 Lydia Eash was born August 27, 1859, in Indiana. She may have died early.

A6.13 Rebecca Eash, born February 24, 1861, in Indiana, married Noah Schrock on December 16, 1883.

A6.14 Samuel Eash, was born February 24, 1863. He may have died young.

A6.15 Anna Eash, was born August 29, 1865, in Iowa. She may have died young.

A6.16 Caroline Eash, born July 14, 1867, in Iowa, died September 21, 1868.

A6.17 Moses Eash, born September 15, 1869, in Elkhart County, Indiana, died December 16, 1903.

A7. **Joseph Schlatter** was born September 29, 1817, in Richwiller, Alsace, France. No date has been found for his arrival in the United States. He came as a youth. He first lived in Pennsylvania and later moved to Ohio where he met a Mennonite girl, **Elisabeth Augsburger** (M11.2). They were married on March 29, 1842, in Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio, by minister

Christian Schrag .[16] She was born March 5, 1814, in Rosch, Moutier, Switzerland,[17] the daughter of Johann Augsburger (M11) and Elisabeth Jakob. This family came to Adams County in 1842. Samuel Lehman lists them in his *Register*, and notes the family names of the spouses of the children. While Elisabeth was a Mennonite, her husband was Amish and their children married members of the Amish church. They may have participated in both churches for a time but then went with the Amish.

In 1850, his net worth was $700. Joseph died September 3, 1872, and Elisabeth died on December 15, 1897. She was buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. It is not known where he was buried.

Their children were born in French Township, Adams County, Indiana.

A7.1 Fannie (Verena) Schlatter, born January 18, 1843, Adams County, Indiana, married Joseph Klopfenstein on March 2, 1862. He is the oldest son of A33.2 John Klopfenstein.

A7.2 Katharina Schlatter, born March 16, 1845, Adams County, Indiana, died June 9, 1850.

A7.3 Elisabeth Schlatter, born October 28, 1848, Adams County, Indiana, married Solomon Mosser (A52.13) on March 9, 1865.

A7.4 Lydia Schlatter, born January 7, 1849, in Adams County, Indiana, married Jacob R. Graber about 1871.

A7.5 Katherina Schlatter, born August 9, 1852, married David Schindler (A9.6) on January 7, 1872.

A8. **John (Hans, Jean) Eicher** was born June 22, 1801, in Audincourt, Haut Rhin, France.[18] He came to the United States and married **Barbara (Barbary) Müller,** also from France, about 1834.[19]. She was born about 1808. The family was living in Milton Township, Wayne County, Ohio in 1840. The first four children were likely born here. On November 28, 1843, they purchased 160 acres in Adams County, Indiana from Jacob and Magdalena Mast. This transaction took place in Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio. The price was $283.00 or just more than $1.75 per acre.[20] The Masts had owned the land for about six years, but probably had not cleared any of the forest or built any buildings. The land he purchased is just south of Berne, the southeast quarter of Section 8. The family arrived in Adams County about 1843-44 from the ages of the children. In 1850 his net worth was $400. He died in 1855. She was still living in 1860 and was 52 years of age.

A8.1 Jacob Eicher, born June 10, 1835, married Maria Schwartz (A52.7) in 1860 in Adams County, Indiana.

A8.2 Christian Eicher, born about 1838, married Elisabeth Goldschmid about 1865.

A7.3 Maria Eicher was born about 1840. She probably married Jacob Sauder in Allen County, Indiana.

A8.4 John Eicher, born about 1842, likely in Wayne County, Ohio. He probably married Angenora McLeod on October 3, 1867.

A8.5 Verena (Fanny) Eicher was born about 1845, in Adams County, Indiana.

A8.6 Peter Eicher, born August 11, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana, married Cecelia Peel.

Money must have been in short supply for this early family. He borrowed money on two occasions for which he gave promissory notes that were kept by the family. On June 19, 1845, John borrowed ten dollars from his brother-in-law, Peter B. Liechty, who lived in Wayne County, Ohio, and was married to his younger sister, Verena Eicher. The note in translation has: "I the undersigned John Eicher promise to pay to Peter Liechty the sum of ten dollars with interest. Written the 19th day of June 1845 and certified by my hand and seal. Jean Eicher"[21]

While the note was written in German and John's name is given in German, he used the French version of his name when he signed it. Having lived in France in his youth, this was likely the way he learned to sign his name.

The second note, also to Peter B. Liechty, was signed November 2, 1848, for five dollars and thirty-four cents. This note may have been for the remainder of the first note with the interest that was owed.

A9. **John (Johannes) Schindler**, was born April 13, 1793, at Petite Hollande, France the son of Christian Schindler and Katharina Lichti.[22] He came to the United States before other members of the family, arriving as early as 1825. John's tombstone has him 82 years of age when he died August 12, 1877. He was married about 1836 to

Catherine Moser who was born October 3, 1820, on board ship when her parents, Johannes Moser and Anna Yost, came to the United States. She is a sister to (A5) Peter D. Moser. They first lived in Wayne County, Ohio. On March 13, 1837, he purchased 360 acres in Adams County, Indiana. They came to Adams County to live about 1842. In 1850 his net worth was $1,200. Catherine died December 19, 1876. She and Johannes are both buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

The first three children were born in Wayne County, Ohio, and the rest in Adams County, Indiana.

A9.1 Jacob Schindler, born August 19, 1837, married Anna Stucky (A24.9) on September 11, 1862. Bishop Henry Egly officiated.

A9.2 John Schindler, born Mar 12, 1839, married Lydia Augsburger (M12.2) on March 9, 1869.

A9.3 Christian Schindler, born about 1840, married Pauline Hensley June 18, 1870 in Adams County, Indiana.

A9.4 Peter M. Schindler, born May 27, 1843, married Hannah Hill. Following her death in 1873 he married Emma Aschliman on December 19, 1875.

A9.5 Catharine Schindler, born February 27, 1845, married Christian C. Hirschy (A14.1) on March 23, 1879 in Adams County, Indiana.

A9.6 David Schindler, born November 19, 1849, married Katherina (Catherine) Schlatter (A7.5) on January 7, 1872. He was elected to serve as a Deacon on December 15, 1882 along with Jacob Schenbeck in the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

A9.7 Sarah Schindler, born in June 1852, married Henry J. Egly (A32.3) November 19, 1876 in Adams County, Indiana.

A10. **Peter Schindler** was born June 5, 1805, Canton Doubs, France, a younger brother of John (A9).[23] He came to the United States, arriving in New York around 1834. He married **Barbara Moser** who was born March 21, 1821, in Wayne County, Ohio. Barbara was a sister of Peter D. Moser (A5), and Catherine who married John Schindler (A9). These two couples probably came together to Adams County, Indiana, about 1842. He had come to Fort Wayne, Indiana from Wayne County, Ohio with his brother to make a purchase of land in Adams County. He purchased 60 acres the same day as John, March 13, 1837. Peter became a United States citizen on December 14, 1844, in Adams County. Peter and Barbara had no children.

In 1850 when the census taker came by they had two young men working for them. One was Christian Stucky (24.4), born July 22, 1828 at Richwiller, Thann, France, son of Nicolas Stucki (A24). The other man was John Yoder (Yutter) (A13.3) son of Johannes Yoder.

Peter's net worth in 1850 was $800. He died February 9, 1889 and Barbara died December 27, 1882. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A11 **Daniel Schindler**, born April 23, 1807 at Petite Hollande, a brother to the two men named previously, was first married to **Maria Liechty** on November 26, 1832. Maria was born November 3, 1805 at Allenjoie, and died October 1, 1842. They lived at Au Raisse, Montbeliard, France where they had three children. He then married **Katharina Schlatter** on April 9, 1844. She was born August 23, 1820 at Richwiller, France. After their first daughter, the next four children were born at Voujeaucourt.

They came to the United States arriving in New York on the *Samuel M. Fox* on May 2, 1853. They likely arrived in Adams County shortly afterwards. Here they lived next to his brother Peter. In 1860 his net worth was $100. Katharina died November 12, 1881, and Daniel on September 8, 1893. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A11.1 Christian Schindler, born May 12, 1833, married Barbara Liechty about 1857.

A11.2 Katharina Schindler, born January 12, 1835, died December 19, 1844.

A11.3 Daniel Schindler, born July 3, 1836, married Catherine Rich.

Children of Katharina.

A11.4 Daughter Schindler was stillborn on August 6, 1845 at Montbeliard.

A11.5 Peter D. Schindler, born November 12, 1847, married Jacobena Zehr on February 27, 1876. After her death he married Hannah Yaggy

on December 28, 1899.

A11.6 Katharina Schindler, born June 11, 1849, married Christian Zimmerman.

A11.7 Anna Schindler, born September 18, 1850, married Jacob Schenbeck (A39.7) on September 23, 1883. He was previously married to Magdalena Egly (A32.2) who died March 16, 1883.

A11.8 Joseph Schindler, born October 25, 1852, died January 10, 1857.

A11.9 Barbara Schindler, born August 19, 1855, married Updegrove.

A11.10 Christina Schindler was born February 15, 1858.

A11.11 Amos Schindler, born November 9, 1859, died July 11, 1860.

A11.12 Moses Schindler, born October 16, 1861, married Hattie Pontius.

A11.13 Aaron Schindler, was born May 17, 1863.

A12 **Philip Huser** was born May 11, 1814[24] in Kuhner (possibly Kunheim), France. He was living in Muntzenheim when he left for the United States. He was married in France but his wife's name is not known. After she died, he came to the United States arriving on August 2, 1841, on the ship *Rhone*. He married **Verena (Fannie) Moser** on October 18, 1842, in Wayne County, Ohio.[25] This family arrived in Adams County about 1843, as their first child was born in Indiana. Verena died February 8, 1877 and Philip on March 12, 1877. All their children were born in Adams County, Indiana.

Philip was an Amish minister ordained in France. He was a Bishop before January 1858.[26] His net worth in 1850 was $1,000.

A12.1 Anna Huser, born 1843, married Nicholas Rich on February 21, 1865.

A12.2 Mary Huser, born November 1, 1845, in Adams County, Indiana, married Christian Yoder about 1865.

A12.3 Barbara Huser, born November 1, 1846, Adams County, Indiana, married John (Johann) J. Schenbeck (A39.3) on January 24, 1865.

A12.4 Verena (Fannie) Huser, born November 28, 1848, in Adams County, Indiana, married David Kocher (A51.1).

A12.5 Philip Huser, born 1850, French Township, Adams County, Indiana, married Verena (Fanny) Liechty (A72.4) on March 1, 1877 in Elkhart County, Indiana. After her death he married Kathrine Kuehm.

A12.6 John Huser, born July 14, 1850, in Monroe Township, Adams County, married Catherine Steiner (A37.1) on April 20, 1877.

A12.7 Katharina Huser, born November 6, 1853 in French Township, Adams County, married Johann J. Soldner on September 19, 1876 in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

A12.8 Jacob Huser, born April 7, 1855 in Adams County, married Lydia Liechty on September 14, 1877 by the Justice of the Peace.

A12.9 Peter Huser, was born in 1861.

A13. **Johannes Yoder** was born March 11, 1795, in France,[27] possibly in Steinbach or Rimbach. He married in Pfastatt on June 27,1822, to **Maria Conrad**, born February 2, 1799. She died aboard the ship *Emerald* on the voyage to the United States and was buried at sea. The ship sailed from Le Havre, France and arrived in New York City on June 5, 1845. The family stopped first in Stark County, Ohio, then went to Wayne County, Ohio. They came to Adams County, Indiana the same year. It is reported that his sons, Joseph, and Jacob, came earlier to the United States to avoid the military draft. They arrived in New York on the ship *Argo* on May 24, 1841. They are misreported as Liechtys as they were traveling with their aunt. Johannes and the two youngest children do not appear in the 1850 census. They must not have been at home when the census was taken. In 1860 Johannes, Jacob and Christian, were living with Joseph's family in Hartford Township. Johannes died April 28, 1878 and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A13.1 Joseph Yoder (A44) was born March 31, 1823, France. He was working for Joseph Lesh in 1850. He married Katharina Stucky (A24.6) in 1861.

A13.2 Mary (Maria) Yoder, born in 1825, married Joseph Loesch (Lesh) (A22) on September 12, 1846. She is named Anna on the ship list.

A13.3 John (Hans) Yoder was born October 2, 1826, at Largitzen, Haut Rhin France.

He was working for Peter Schindler in 1850. He married Mary Ann Roth.

A13.4 Jacob Yoder (A71), born March 26, 1828, at Largitzen, Haut Rhin, France, married Katherine Stuckey, the daughter of Christian Stuckey and Elizabeth Short.

A13.5 Christian Yoder, born June 9, 1830, at Luemschwiller, Haut Rhin, France, likely died in infancy.

A13.6 Christian Yoder, born April 05, 1838, France, married Elizabeth Mosser.

The Hirschy Family[28]

The Hirschy family originated from the village of Schangnau in Canton Bern, Switzerland. A member of the family moved to Trub, near Langnau and his descendants are registered there. Members of the family moved to Canton Neuchatel.

Philip Heinrich Hirschy, born November 2, 1787 near La Chaux-de-Fonds, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland, married Julianna Frey on September 23, 1820 at Le Locle, Switzerland. They lived on farms in the communities of Le Locle, Les Brenet, and La Chaux-de-Fonds. They were living on the farm Bas de Brandt in the parish of La Chaux-de-Fonds with their seven children when he died December 22, 1831. He had become overheated while carrying hay in a "hutta" (a large basket) on his back. The widow then married their hired hand, Christian Horn, and this family came to America. They arrived in New York on July 8, 1835 on the Ship *Richmond*. Upon arrival the Hirschy/Horn family settled in Stark County, Ohio. Three daughters married and lived in Ohio while the three sons and a daughter, and a half-sister, came to Adams County, Indiana. These five are named here.

1. John (Johann) Hirschy (A.14) was born December 12, 1821, near Le Locle, Switzerland, married Barbara Stauffer April 16, 1847.
2. Philip Hirschy (A16), born April 17, 1824, married Mary Rich (A3.2) on October 18, 1849.
3. Louis Hirschy, (A15), born near Le Brenet, Switzerland, married Magdalena Burkhalter in October 1848 in Wayne County, Ohio.
4. Maria Hirschy, born July 18, 1828, near Le Brenet, Switzerland, married Christian Roth (A31) October 18, 1849.
5. Lydia Horn, born August 2, 1836, in Stark County, Ohio, married Peter Roth (A27.8) on March 11, 1860.

A14. **John (Johann) Hirschy** was born December 12, 1821, in Le Locle, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland. He came to the United States on July 8, 1835. After living in Stark County, Ohio, he came to Adams County, on August 28, 1845. John married **Barbara Stauffer** on April 16, 1847, in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana. Barbara came to Adams County, Indiana with her brother, Johann (M8), on April 16, 1840. Samuel Lehman lists Johann and Barbara in his *Register* (p. 49) so he may have attended the Mennonite church for a time as this was Barbara's church, but none of their children married into the Mennonite Church. They became part of the Amish church.[29] He owned 211 acres in Hartford Township, in Adams County, and all their children were born there. Living with them in 1850 was Anna Roth (A27.10) age 14. His net worth in 1850 was $1,800. In 1860 it was $5,200 making him the Amish with the most wealth. The large barn he built is preserved in the Swiss Heritage Village in Berne, Indiana.

Johann died December 20, 1894 and Barbara on October 28, 1915. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Church cemetery.

A14.1 Christian C. Hirschy, born August 3, 1848, married Catharine Schindler (A9.5) on March 23, 1879.

A14.2 Maria Hirschy, born September 5, 1849, married John Biberstein (A20.1) on March 5, 1868. They divorced in 1887.

A14.3 Barbara Hirschy, born March 9, 1851, married Peter M. Moser (A5.3) on March 4, 1869.

A14.4 Rosina Hirschy was born September 10, 1852, and died December 19, 1945.

A14.5 Verena Hirschy, born December 30, 1853, married John Augsburger (M12.3) on September 1, 1877.

A14.6 Katherina Hirschy, born February 27, 1855, married Albert (John) Kauffman on July 20, 1877.

A14.7 Christina Hirschy, born April 20, 1857, married Christian Liechty (A2.6) on December 4, 1879.

A14.8 John Hirschy, born August 7, 1859, married Anna Moser (A64.3) on February 27, 1887.

A14.9 Anna Hirschy, born July 5, 1863, married Daniel Liechty on December 27, 1887.

A14.10 Salome Hirschy, born July 19, 1865 married Emmanuel Wanner on December 8, 1891.

A14.11 Ephriam Hirschy, born June 20, 1867, married Lucy Hannah Graber.

A14.12 Lovina Hirschy, born April 29, 1870, died July 29, 1880 in Adams County.

A14.13 Rebecca Hirschy, born August 22, 1873, married Noah Schindler on September 16, 1894.

A15. **Louis Hirschy**, a brother of Johann (A14), was born May 23, 1826, in the community of Le Brenet, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland and came to the United States with the Hirschy family in 1835. At the age of 21 he likely came to Adams County, Indiana with his brother John (A14) in 1847. In 1848, he purchased 80 acres in French township.

He went back to Wayne County, Ohio and married **Magdalena Burkhalter** in October 1848. She was born July 9, 1827, on the farm Semplain (Le Roches) above Souboz, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was the daughter of Peter Burkhalter and Anna Geiger who settled in Fulton County, Ohio, and were affiliated with the conservative Reformed Mennonite Church. Following their marriage they came to his farm in Adams County and were part of the Amish congregation.[30] His net worth in 1850 was $400.

He sold his land in French Township, which was on the northern edge of the Amish community, and purchased 80 acres in Hartford Township, south of the Wabash river in 1852.

Following the death of Magdalena, who died in childbirth on December 25, 1869, he married **Verena (Fanny Lesh) Laish** (A22.5). She was born October 22, 1856 in Adams County, and they were married April 17, 1873. About 1876 they moved to LaGrange, County, Indiana. In 1884 they were in Clinton County, Indiana and then in adjoining Tippecanoe County in 1886. He died here on January 28, 1898 and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery near Edna Mills, Indiana. Following his death on January 28, 1898, Fannie returned to Adams County. She died July 25, 1901 and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery in Adams County, Indiana.

A15.1 Infant Hirschy was born about 1849 in Adams County, Indiana.

A15.2 Philip Hirschy, born August 17, 1850, Adams County, Indiana, married Minerva Runyon on September 28, 1870.

A15.3 Lydia Hirschy, born September 3, 1851, married Charles Lachman on June 29, 1892.

A15.4 Anna Hirschy, born November 14, 1852, married Henry Gisel in 1882.

A15.5 Samuel B. Hirschy, born April 28, 1854, married Christina Luginbill (M21.5) on April 24, 1881. Christiana was a sister to the Mennonite minister Samuel F. Sprunger's wife. Though baptized by Henry Egly in the Defenseless Mennonite Church, he began to attend the Berne Mennonite Church. He united with this church and was the first to teach a Sunday School class in English.

About this time he bought his father-in-laws' farm (where the current High School is located). Since he lived close to town, one summer he rented out a pasture to a Fair that was held for several days. Unfortunately the Fair advertized a horse race for the Sunday at the end of the Fair. Minister Samuel F. Sprunger told his brother-in-law this should not be permitted. Since he felt bound by his word to the Fair, Sam Hirschy took no action. Because he did not, his brother-in-law put him out of the church. While his children continued to attend the church faithfully, he never returned until he was carried in for his funeral.

A15.6 Peter Hirschy, born June 25, 1856, married Susanna Banty on June 6, 1878.

A15.7 Daniel Hirschy, born November 23, 1858, died August 24, 1858.

A15.8 Jonathan Hirschy, born November 23, 1858, married Lena Amstutz (M60.10) on December 1, 1881.

A15.9 Magdalena Hirschy, born July 14, 1860, died March 28, 1861.

A15.10 Solomon Hirschy, born June 3, 1862, was baptized in the Berne Mennonite Church in 1884. On April 30, 1890, he married Etta Stewart.

A15.11 Jonas Hirschy, born November 10,

1863, married Elizabeth Kleck on October 11, 1885. He then married Margaret Smith on January 16, 1901.

A15.12 Katrina (Kate) Hirschy, born October 17, 1865, married David Christian Stucky (A26.8) on October 26, 1890. She had polio as a child and was confined to a wheel chair. He organized and had charge of the Detroit Rescue Mission for many years. This mission received a lot of support from the First Mennonite Church of Berne.

A15.13 Joseph Hirschy, born October 15, 1866, died April 26, 1875.

A15.14 Mary Hirschy, born in 1867 died at birth.

A15.15 Magdalena Hirschy, born March 10, 1868, died in infancy.

A15.16 Maryann Hirschy, born December 24, 1869, died in infancy.

Children of Fanny (Lesh) Laish.

A15.17 Magdalena Hirschy, born December 2, 1874, married Samuel Klopfenstein (A63.7).

A15.18 daughter Hirschy, died at birth in 1875.

A15.19 Rosina Hirschy, born February 22, 1877, married Jacob Balmer about 1898.

A15.20 Susanna Hirschy, born July 10, 1878, married Joel Klopfenstein on March 22, 1902.

A15.21 Amos Louis Hirschey, born December 9, 1879, married Ida Ervin Smith about 1908. He added an e to his name.

A15.22 Joseph Hirschy, born October 22, 1880, died in infancy.

A15.23 Abraham Hirschey, born August 14, 1881, married Verna Wilder Webb on May 27, 1905. He added an e to his name.

A15.24 Sarah Hirschy, born August 23, 1883, died August 23, 1916.

A15.25 daughter Hirschy was stillborn about 1884.

A15.26 Henry Hirschy, born May 9, 1886, died September 7, 1886.

A15.27 Levi Hirschy, born August 25, 1887, died September 23, 1888.

A15.28 George Hirschey, born November 18, 1889, died December 26, 1946. He added an e to his name.

A15.29 Rebecca Hirschy, born March 16, 1892, married Peter Musser on November 20, 1920.

A16. **Philip Hirschy**, another brother of John and Louis, was born April 17, 1824, at Le Locle, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland.[31] He came to the United States with his brothers and parents in 1835. In 1847, he came to Fort Wayne by way of the canal and purchased 160 acres just south of present day Berne, Indiana, in Wabash Township. The purchase was made on May 22, 1848, for $550. This took all his money so he borrowed $5.00 from a neighbor to purchase a plow. A horse and ox were hitched together to pull it. He built a log house, doing most of the work himself.

Philip married **Mary (Maria) Rich** (A3.1) on October 18, 1849, in Adams County. She was born April 5, 1827 in St. Valbert, Saon, France, and came to the United States with her parents in 1837, and to Adams County in 1843. In 1850 his net worth was $800. Philip died October 12, 1899, and Mary on December 8, 1893. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. Their children were all born in Wabash Township of Adams County.

A16.1 John J. Hirschy, born December 31, 1850, married Sarah Roth, November 15, 1877. She was the daughter of Benedict Roth and Anna Sauder Witmer.

A16.2 Jakob Hirschy, born June 27, 1852, married Mary (Maria) Roth on February 26, 1879. She was an older sister of Sarah who married John J. (A16.1)

A16.3 daughter Hirschy, stillborn child was born in 1853/54.

A16.4 David Hirschy, born May 18, 1855, married Susanna Moser (A55.2). He taught school for eleven years and also farmed. They were participants in the formation of the Berne (later named First) Missionary Church in 1898. He was the first Sunday school superintendent. When a brick building was erected in 1908, he was a trustee in the church. In 1934 a Miller family was killed when hit by a train while crossing east Main Street in Berne in their car. Robert Grant Miller survived and was reared as a foster child by this family.

A16.5 Lydia Hirschy, born November 14, 1857, died March 18, 1920.

A16.6 Elias Hirschy, born August 22, 1859, married Magdalena Stucky (A26.3) July 24, 1887. Following her death on August 20, 1901, he

married Katharina Lehman (M58.8) on April 27, 1902, in his home near Berne.

A16.7 son Hirschy, was stillborn in 1860/61.

A16.8 Joel Hirschy, born November 14, 1862, married Sarah Schenbeck on January 23, 1893.

A16.9 Christian P. Hirschy, born September 15, 1864, married Louise Felber on June 10, 1894.

A16.10 Noah Calvin Hirschy, born February 25, 1867, married a Mennonite, Augusta Hunsberger, on September 5, 1895. In 1872 he was ordained by minister S. F. Sprunger in the Berne Mennonite Church, and served as pastor of the First Mennonite Church in Wadsworth, Ohio. He then served as the first president of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, serving from 1900 to 1908. He was one of three men growing up in an Amish home who earned doctorates in 1907.[32] His last position was as Professor of Botany in Berea College, Berea, Kentucky from 1920 - 1925.

A16.11 Amos Hirschy, born September 25, 1870, married Emma Schenbeck on January 9, 1893. He was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A17. **Abraham Moser** was born in Baughman Township, Wayne County, Ohio in 1825. He was a brother to (A5) Peter D. Moser, and Catherine who married Johannes Schindler (A9). In 1845 he purchased 160 acres in French Township, Adams County from his brother Christian. Not long after this he married **Barbara Schmucker**, who was born in 1825 at Les Fontanelle, Doubs, France. She came to the United States to live in Wayne County, Ohio in 1835 with siblings. Abraham and Barbara were married in Wayne County, Ohio. About 1846-47, they made the move to Adams County.[33] His net worth in 1850 was $800.

Abraham died in May 1857, at the age of 32 and is buried in the Moser Cemetery on his farm. Barbara then married minister **Peter Neuhauser** (A35). She died May 13, 1901. They are buried in the Moser Cemetery. Their children were born in Adams County.

A17.1 Barbara Moser, born October 12, 1847, died as a single person on December 26, 1919.

A17.2 John S. Moser, born December 29, 1848, married Christina Steiner (A37.3) on September 21, 1875.

A17.3 Anna Moser, born September 24, 1850, married John Gerber on October 6, 1868, in Newville (Vera Cruz), Indiana.

A17.4 Maria Moser, born in 1852 died single on August 15, 1929.

A17.5 Daniel Moser, born May 10, 1855 died single on July 26, 1915.

(Not recorded by the census taker in 1850 was daughter Anna. He came to their home prior to her birth.) With this family was Daniel Schmucker, age 21, who was born in Indiana.

A18. **Abraham Biberstein** was born August 5, 1775, in Bözingen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Susanna Moser,** who was born in 1790 in Diessbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland, the daughter of Hans Moser I and Maria Kocher.[34] When the Bans for her marriage were published, the Moser family was living at Les Seignes near St. Hippolyte, France. They were married at La Sagne near La Chaux-de-Fonds, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland, by Abraham Ramseyer. This couple lived on the farm Les Bois, Canton Jura, Switzerland, and then near Renan, Switzerland prior to coming to the United States. The family came to the United States leaving Le Havre, France July 26, 1834, on the ship *Rhone*. Arriving in New York, they traveled to Ohio and settled in Paint Township, Holmes County. Eleven children were born to them of which eight died in Switzerland and Wayne County,'Ohio.

The parents and two of the three living children came to French Township, Adams County in August 1847. Here he purchased 160 acres. Daughter Maria and her husband came in 1853. Abraham died in February 18, 1849. His burial started the Biberstein Cemetery. Susanna died in 1873 and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

The first seven children were born at Le Bois, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and the last three at Renan, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

A18.1 Maria Biberstein, born in 1814, died in infancy.

A18.2 Abraham Biberstein, born in 1816, died August 9, 1816.

A18.3 Johannes Biberstein, born May 13,

1818, died July 28, 1819.

A18.4 Maria Margarita Biberstein, born April 17, 1820, died August 12, 1821.

A18.5 Isaac Biberstein (A19), born September 18, 1823, married three times: Magdalina Stool (Stoll) on August 9, 1849; Mary (Maria) Eash on December 11, 1851; and, Barbara Rich on December 1, 1855.

A18.6 Abraham Biberstein, born November 17, 1824, married Catherine Klopfenstein (A33.10) on October 22, 1846.

A18.7 Jean (Johann) Biberstein, born May 19, 1826, died June 19, 1826.

A18.8 Marianne (Marie) Biberstein, born August 3, 1827 in Switzerland, married Abraham Kocher (A21). After his death she married Jacob Neuhauser (A36) on February 13, 1859.

A18.9 Susanne Biberstein, born January 8, 1830, died in infancy.

A18.10 Jacob Biberstein, born May 9, 1831, died in infancy.

A18.11 Christ Biberstein, born March 28, 1833, died April 1, 1833.

A19. **Isaac Biberstein** (18.5) born September 18, 1823, at Le Bois, Canton Bern, Switzerland, came to the United States with his parents in 1834. They arrived in Adams County in 1847. He was married August 9, 1849, to **Magdalena Stool/Stoll,** by a Justice of the Peace. Born in 1819, she died September 3, 1849, of typhoid fever. No stone marks her grave, but she is likely buried in the Biberstein Cemetery.

Isaac then married **Maria (Mary) Eash,** December 11, 1851. She died October 22, 1855, but her place of burial is unknown. He married again on December 1, 1855. **Barbara Rich** was born August 8, 1834, in France. She died June 14, 1882, in Elkhart County, Indiana. Isaac died January 5, 1857, and is buried in the Biberstein Cemetery. In 1850 he was living with his brother Abraham (A18) when the census taker came by. His occupation is given as shoemaker. In 1853 he owned 75 acres and his net worth was $530.

Three children changed the spelling of their name to Biverstein and Beverstein. All of the children were born in French Township, Adams County, Indiana

A19.1 Catherine Biverstein, born August 21, 1852 married Levi Kauffman on July 22, 1884. They lived in LaGrange County, Indiana

A19.2 Daniel Beverstein, born November 20, 1853, married Catherine Maust.

A19.3 Christian Biberstein, born October 9, 1855, died November 9, 1855.

A19.4 Joseph Beverstein, born November 14, 1856, married Elizabeth (Libby) Ann Showalter on October 15, 1879. She died July 5, 1901. He then married Nora Stoop on March 31, 1903 in Elkhart, Indiana.

A20. **Abraham Biberstein** (A18.6), was born November 17, 1824 at Le Bois, Canton Bern, Switzerland and came to the United States with his parents in 1835. He married October 22, 1846 in Wayne County, Ohio to **Catherine Klopfenstein** (A33.10). She was born February 17, 1828 in Belfort, France. They came to Adams County, Indiana in the fall of 1847 with his parents. In 1850 his mother, Susanna, and his brother, Isaac, whose wife had died recently, were living with them.

Abraham purchased 120 acres in French Township, Adams County. His net worth in 1850 was $500. He died February 4, 1908, and Catherine died October 15, 1893. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

Their first child was born Wayne County, Ohio and the rest in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana.

A20.1 John Biberstein, born June 26, 1847, married Maria Hirschy (A14.2) on March 5, 1868 in Adams County, Indiana. They divorced in 1887. He then married Sarah Moser on February 9, 1889 in Adams County.

A20.2 Jacob Biberstein, born February 25, 1849, married Louisa (Lizzzie) Hadwiger on August 6, 1891, in Harper County, Kansas.

A20.3 Catherine Biberstein, born February 24, 1851, died the same day.

A20.4 Abraham Biberstein, born January 27, 1852, married the widow Mary Moser, Moser (A5.9) on August 3, 1880.

A20.5 Anna Biberstein, born June 7, 1854, married Daniel Yoder in July 1874.

A20.6 Catherine (Katy) Biberstein was born

January 7, 1857.

A20.7 Peter Biberstein, born June 1, 1859, married Sarah Steiner on January 1, 1885.

A20.8 Christian Biberstein, born December 8, 1861, died August 24, 1867.

A20.9 Mary Biberstein, born November 29, 1863, married Joseph J. Rich (A59.3) on January 31, 1885.

A20.10 David Biberstein, born June 12, 1866, married Mary Moser on December 29, 1891.

A20.11 Noah Biberstein, born May 20, 1869, married Elizabeth Yoder (A71.8), born January 24, 1895.

A21. **Abraham Kocher** was born about 1810[35] in Alsace Lorraine, France. By 1845 he was married to **Marianne Biberstein** (A18.8), born August 3, 1827, in the Jura of Switzerland. She must have come to the United States as an indentured servant for Abraham bid her off at an auction when she arrived with her parents at 14 years of age. In 1845 they were living in Sandusky, Ohio. Then by 1849 they were in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. He had died before February 13, 1859, when Marianne married **Jacob Neuhauser** (A36). It is not known where Abraham is buried. Abraham was worth $600 in 1850.

A21.1 David Kocher was born November 8, 1845 in Sandusky, Ohio. He married Verena (Fannie) Huser (A12.4).

A21.2 Elizabeth Kocher was born in 1849, in Indiana.

A22. **Joseph Loesch (Lesh, Laish)**, born about 1820-22, appears in the 1850 Census as age 30 and married to **Mary Yoder** (A13.2), age 26. She was born in 1824-25. This record has him born in Germany, but the 1860 census has France, which is likely the correct location. They were married about 1846. He had purchased 85 acres in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana.

By 1860 Mary must have died for the children were all living with other families and Joseph was working for a wealthy farmer, Morgan Smith, in Wabash Township. He died November 5, 1880, at age 58 while living in the Adams County Farm for poor people. He was buried in that county cemetery which since is being farmed. Living with them in 1850 was Joseph Sutter, (age 25) who was a laborer.

There are other Laish families living in Wells County who were in the Reformed Church. Mary most certainly was Amish. In 1850 his net worth was $500.

A22.1 John Laish was born 1847 in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 he was living with the Joseph Yoder family.

A22.2 Catherine Laish was born in 1849. In 1860 she was living with the Peter Steiner family

A22.3 Jacob Laish, born 1851, was living with the Christian Zimmerman family in 1860.

A22.4 Barbara Laish, born 1853, was living with the Jacob Neuhauser family in 1860.

A22.5 Verena (Fanny) Lesh/Laish born October 22, 1856, was living with the Joseph Schlatter family in 1860. She worked for Louis Hirschy (A15) after the death of his first wife on December 25, 1869. Verena married Louis on October 17, 1873.

A23. **Daniel Kauffman**, born November 24, 1826 in Bettendorf, France, came to the United States at age 17, possibly with two brothers. His brother (A46) Joseph also came to Adams County. Daniel first went to Ohio, then came to Adams County where he met and married **Barbara Eicher** by 1847-48. They are listed in the 1850 census. His age is given as 28 and hers as 31 and they are listed as from Germany. But in the 1860 census their ages are both given as 34 and are listed as from France. Her tombstone in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery gives her birth year as 1828 and death in 1880.

He purchased 160 acres in Wabash Township of Adams County. Their children were all born here. He was worth $800 in 1850. After the death of Barbara he went to live with his daughter Leah in Oklahoma, and then in Madeline, California.

A23.1 Lydia Kaufman, born June 23, 1848, was married to Jakob M. Neuenschwander (M24.2) on October 7, 1871, by Henry Egly.

A23.2 Verena (Fanny) Kauffman was born in August 1850 in Indiana.

A23.3 John Kauffman, was born about 1852, and died before 1947.

A23.4 Jacob Kauffman, born February 9,

1854, married Rosina Meyer on May 19, 1887.

A23.5 David Kauffman, born June 28, 1856, married Lydia Schaffter on November 29, 1889.

A23.6 Leah Kauffman, born about 1859, married John C. Christy on November 18, 1880, then William Schaffter on October 4, 1885.

A23.7 Katherine (Katy) Kauffman, born March 14, 1862, married Paul Egly on January 12, 1885.

A23.8 Christian (Chris) Kauffman, was born about 1864 and died before 1947.

The Nicolas Stucky Family

Five children of Nicolas Stucky (abt. 1761-1839) and Barbara Hochstetler (d. 1818), who were born in Staffelfelden and Pfastatt, France, came to live in Adams County, Indiana. Those who came were:

1. Nicolas Stucky (A24), born 1790 in Staffelfeldon, married Barbara Frutiger in June 1823.

2. Anna Maria Stucky, born January 23, 1795, at Pfastatt, married Simon Yoder (A27) on July 5, 1817, at Morschwiller-le-bas, France.

3. Barbara Stucky (A28), born November 26, 1800, at Pfastatt, married Nicolas Schlatter on December 30, 1818.

4. Benedict Stucky (A41), born January 5, 1809 at Pfastatt, married Verena Hochstetler on February 27, 1844.

5. Joseph Stucky (A29), born April 29, 1812, (or May 1, 1812), was married to Katharina by 1841.[36] Her maiden name is not known.

A24. **Nicolas Stucki**, born 1790 at Staffelfelden, France,[37] married **Barbara Frutiger** and had eleven children. Eight lived and were brought to the United States. Mother Barbara was born in 1801, and died in childbirth on June 15, 1842, in Bourbach-le-Bas, France. She was buried in a nearby Catholic cemetery. The first three children were born at Morschwiller-le-Bas, Thann, France, and 4 through 6 at Richwiller-le-Bas, and possibly 7 and 8 as well. The rest are uncertain. The family came to the United States on the ship *Memphis* and landed in New York September 15, 1846. They may have lived in Ohio for a time but were in Adams County, Indiana in 1850. Nicholas purchased 144.6 acres for $350 along the Wabash River in Wabash Township on June 3, 1847. In 1850 he was living with his son Nicholas (A24.2).

He died August 22, 1857, in French Township, and may be buried in the Moser Cemetery. Some descendants spelled their surname Stucky, and others, Stuckey.

A24.1 Barbara Stucky, born June 6, 1823, died August 1. 1924.

A24.2 Nicholas Stucky, born January 25, 1825, married Verena Schmucker about 1850.

A24.3 Jakob Stucky, born September 20, 1826, married Barbara Gerig, on May 18, 1854.

A24.4 Christian Stucky (A41), born July 22, 1828, married Verena Mosser (A52.9) on January 3, 1856. He was working for Peter Schindler (A10) in 1850.

A24.5 Benedict Stucky, born May 6, 1832, died December 21, 1831.

A24.6 Katharina Stucky, born May 6, 1832, married Joseph Yoder (A43) in 1861.

A24.7 Benjamin (Benedict) Stucky (A42), born January 10, 1834, married Anna Mosser (A52.8) on March 22, 1859, by Henry Egly.

A24.8 Barbara Stucky, born June 4, 1836, married Peter Mosser (A52.5) on December 2, 1854.

A24.9 Anna Stucky, born May 4, 1838, married Jacob Schindler (A73) on September 11, 1862. Minister Henry Egly officiated.

A24.10 Christine Stucky, born April 2, 1840, married Joseph Zimmerman (No. 5 in The Zimmerman Family) on January 15, 1863.

A24.11 Verena Stucky, born June 15, 1842, died July 25, 1842 in France.

A25. **Nicholas (Claus) Stucky** (24.2), born January 25, 1825, at Morschwiller-le-Bas, married **Verena (Fannie) Smucker** about 1850. When he came to Adams County, Indiana, he bought 65 acres in French Township. His father Nicolas and three siblings, Benedict, Anna and Christine, were living with him and his wife in 1860, when the census was taken. That year his net worth was $2,400. It was $300 in 1850. Their children were all born in French Township, Adams County. Nicolas died September 8, 1887. Verena died at the home of her daughter Barbara near Leo, Indiana on July 17, 1901.[38] They are

both buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A25.1 Barbara Stucky, born in 1851, married Joseph Yoder on July 17, 1893 in Leo, Indiana. She died in 1925.

A25.2 Nicholas Stucky, born October 12, 1853, married Elisabeth Augsburger on February 24, 1876.

A25.3 Peter J. Stucky, born October 28, 1856, married Sarah Stauffer (M8.7) on July 15, 1883 in the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

A25.4 Christina Stuckey, born December 12, 1858, died February 19, 1953 in Berne, Indiana. She remained single.

A25.5 Moses N. Stuckey, born July 18, 1862, married Mary C. Gerig on March 1, 1885.

A25.6 Catherine Stuckey, born December 21, 1868, married Christian N. Stucky on February 22, 1892.

A25.7 Daniel Stucky, a twin, died at birth in 1874.

A25.8 Samuel Stuckey, a twin, died at birth in 1874.

A26. **Jacob Stucky** (A24.3)[39], born September 20, 1826, at Morschwiller-le-Bas, Thann, France, came to the United States with his father and family in 1846. He purchased 65 acres in French Township, Adams County. He was living on his own place in 1850 and with him was a woman named Mary who was 54 years old. Jacob's net worth in 1850 was $600. In 1860 it was $900.

Jacob married **Barbara Gerig** on May 18, 1854. He died March 1, 1895, and Barbara on September 1, 1913. She was born January 17, 1830, in France. He is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery, and she in the MRE Cemetery. Some of their children married members of First Mennonite Church and then joined there also.

A26.1 Barbara Stucky, born February 27, 1856, died November 13, 1890.

A26.2 Daniel Stucky, born August 27, 1857, married Marianna Sprunger on September 25, 1881 in Berne Mennonite Church.

A26.3 Magdalena Stucky, born January 7, 1859, married Elias Hirschy (A16.6) on July 24, 1887.

A26.4 Anna Stucky, born September 24, 1860, died February 21, 1861.

A26.5 Katherine Stucky, born April 13, 1862, died March 22, 1895.

A26.6 Anna Stucky, born July 30, 1864, died December 7, 1873.

A26.7 Jacob Stucky, born August 24, 1866, married Elisabeth Lehman (M58.9)on December 8, 1889.

A26.8 David Christian Stucky, born August 8, 1868, married Katrina (Kate) Hirschy (A15.12) on October 26, 1890. After her death on June 6, 1904, he married Minnie Ott in August 1907. Following her death on May 9, 1915, he married Margaret Emmerson on January 1, 1916. He went to Detroit, Michigan where he established the Detroit Rescue Mission. The First Mennonite Church of Berne gave substantial support for a number of years.

A26.9 Sarah Stucky, born February 3, 1870, married Peter J. Liechty on July 20, 1905.

A27. **Simon Yoder**, born June 4, 1789 at Danjutin, France, married July 5, 1817, to **Anna Maria Stucky** (No. 3 in The Nicolas Stucky Family) who was born January 23, 1795, in Danjoutin, France.[40] They likely arrived in Adams County with Anna's siblings. Living with them in 1850 were Barbara Stucky (age 50), who would be Anna's widowed sister who had married Nicolas Schlatter, and a laborer Christian Schlatter (age 22), who may have been a son of Barbara. No net worth is given so he may not have purchased any land. He is not on the tax roll for 1853. They were no longer in the county in 1860.

A27.1 Maria Yoder, born May 5, 1790, died September 17, 1808.

A27.2 Anna Yoder, born April 8, 1792, died June 8, 1817.

A27.3 Christian Yoder, born January 4, 1795, married Maria Yoder born January 20, 1789.

A28 **Barbara Stucky**, born November 26, 1800 at Pfastatt, married **Nicolas Schlatter**. She came to the United States with her brother Nicolas, arriving in New York on the ship Memphis on September 15, 1846. She must have been a widow already in 1850 as she was then living with her sister, Anna Maria, who had

married Simon Yoder. Now in 1860, at sixty years of age, she was living with her daughter Christina. Their children were born in France.

A28.1 Christina Schlatter, born about 1827, married Christian Zimmerman (A48) on August 12, 1851 in Wells County, Indiana.

A28.2 Christian Schlatter was born about 1828. In 1850 he was working for Simon Yoder (A27) whose wife was his aunt.

A29 **Joseph Stucky**, born April 29, 1812 (or May 1, 1812), was married to **Katharina** by 1842.[41] She was born about 1818 and had been living around Strasbourg, France prior to marriage.[42] They came to the United States and were living in Utica, New York in 1841. Here their first two children were born, then they moved to Ohio. They arrived in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana about 1848. Living with them in 1850 was Mary Stucky, possibly his mother. His net worth in 1860 was $675. It appears that Joseph eventually moved to Hickory County, Missouri and died there on March 10, 1876. He is buried next to several children of his son Jacob.

A29.1 Catherine Stucky was born in New York about 1840.

A29.2 Jacob J. Stucky. born September 2, 1841 married Catherine Nafziger on November 7, 1869.

A29.3 Elisabeth Stucky was born about 1845, in Ohio.

A29.4 Barbara Stucky, was born about 1847, in Indiana. She was living in 1850 when the census was taken.

A29.5 Mary Stucky was born about 1849, in Indiana.

A29.6 Mathilda Stucky was born about 1852, in Indiana

A29.7 Samuel Stucky was born about 1855.

A29.8 Christian Stucky was born about 1859.

A30 **Jakob Roth** was born October 20, 1794, at Hirsingue, Mulhouse, France. On January 12, 1819, he married **Elizabeth Tschantz** who was born April 29, 1802. They had five children, after which she died in 1827. Then on September 2, 1828, he married **Magdalena Schmuckli** and had nine children. She was born October 29, 1804 in Basel, Switzerland. Her marriage record says she was "born in front of the gate of Saint John at Basel." He came to the United States with several of his children in 1849 and settled in Adams County. His first son had come to the United States and Adams County earlier. In 1850 the census has him living with Christian. In 1853 he owned 63.63 acres and was worth $331.

The first two children were born at Bollwiller, France, 3 and 4 in Brunstatt, near Mulhouse. Children 5 through 8 were born at Aspach, and 9 through 11 at Feldbach. The last three children were born at undetermined places in France. Elizabeth died in 1827, and Jacob after July 1860. Their burial place is unknown.

A30.1 Christian Roth (A31), born October 29, 1819, married Maria (Mary) Hirschy (No. 4 in The Hirschy Family) on October 18, 1849.

A30.2 Elisabeth Roth, born December 30, 1820, married a Kauffman.

A30.3 Benedict Roth, born June 1, 1822 married Anna Maria Sauder on December 19, 1852. They lived in Allen County, Indiana

A30.4 Jacob Roth, born December 28, 1824, married Elizabeth Sauder about 1854. They lived in Allen County, Indiana.

A30.5 Katharina Roth, born September 23, 1827, died single September 25, 1891.

A30.6 Magdalena Roth, born April 8, 1829, married John A Zimmerman (A46) on May 25, 1851.

A30.7 John Roth, born May 28, 1831, married Maria Amstutz. They probably lived in Allen County, Indiana through 1864 and then in Fulton County, Ohio where he died Mar 19, 1889.

A30.8 Peter Roth (A67), born March 17, 1833 married Lydia Horn (No. 5 in The Hirschy Family), on March 11, 1860.

A30.9 Joseph Roth was born May 19, 1837, possibly at Feldbach. He died near Berne in 1850.

A30.10 Anna Roth, born January 27, 1836, at Feldbach, married a Moser, likely Joseph Mosser (A53).

A30.11 Mary Barbara Roth born May 8, 1839, married Peter Klopfenstein (A60).

A30.12 Michael Roth, born December 9, 1841, died in childhood.

A30.13 Daniel Roth, born August 15, 1843, married Anna Yaggy.

A30.14 Nicolas Roth, born October 31, 1844, probably died in childhood.

A31. **Christian Roth** (30.1) was born October 29, 1819 likely in Bollwiller, Mulhouse, France.[43] He was probably the first of the children to come to the United States as he purchased 162 acres in Adams County, Indiana in 1837 for $203. It is not known just when he moved to Adams County and began developing his land. But, on October 18, 1849, he was married in Adams County to **Maria Hirschy**, a sister to Johann (A14), Louis (A15) and Philip (A16). She was born July 18, 1828 at Le Brenet, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland. She came to the United States with the family, landing in New York on July 8, 1835, on the ship *Richmond*.

Christian died February 8, 1881 and Maria on March 29, 1893. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

His net worth in 1850 was $700. Living with them at the time were his parents and five of his siblings. Their children were all born in Adams County, Indiana.

A31.1 Lydia Roth, born August 18, 1850, married George Zehr, on August 5, 1871.

A31.2 Anna Roth, born October 10, 1852, died July 28, 1853.

A31.3 Maria Roth, born April 22, 1854, died May 10, 1863.

A31.4 Peter D. Roth, born March 28, 1855, married Elisabeth Wittwer on April 16, 1880.

A31.5 John Roth, born September 28, 1859, married Hannah Yaggy on February 14, 1884.

A31.6 Rosina Roth, born March 6, 1864, married Jacob W. Klopfenstein on February 1, 1885.

A31.7 Catharina (Katy) Roth, born November 15, 1865, married Peter Rich (A59.1) on March 19, 1886.

A31.8 Jacob Roth, born September 17, 1870, married Elisabeth (Elisa) Liechty about 1895.

A32. **Henry (Heinrich) Egly**, was born April 5, 1824 in Grosherzogthum, Baden, Germany. He came to the United States with his father, and members of his mother's Raber family, on the ship *Utica* which arrived in New York on August 1, 1837. They settled in Butler County, Ohio.[44] He was married on August 3, 1848, in Butler County, Ohio, to **Katherine Goldsmith**, who was born June 15, 1827, in Alsace, France. The family came to Adams County, Indiana on August 24, 1850.[45] He purchased 135 acres just south of the Wabash river in Hartford Township. Here a cabin was erected and he began clearing the forest for a farm. The family does not appear in the 1850 census, but in 1853 his land and improvements were worth $690.

In November of 1850, though he had been in the community just more than two months, he was in the lot for the office of Deacon and was selected.[46] Then in 1854, on Pentecost, he was elected unanimously to the office of "preacher of the Word." Four years later, in 1858, he was ordained to the office of Elder/Bishop.

In 1865 he led a division within the Amish church, and for a time the group he led was known as the Egly Amish. In time they chose the name Defenseless Mennonite Church.

Henry died June 23, 1890, and Katherine on February 27, 1905. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. Their children, after the first one, were born in Hartford Township, Adams County.

A32.1 Jacob Egly, born September 21, 1849, Butler County, Ohio, married Lydia Moser (A52.12) on September 17, 1871.

A32.2 Magdalena Egly, born April 25, 1852, married Jacob Schenbeck (38.7) on August 11, 1872.

A32.3 Henry J. Egly, born August 10, 1854, married Sarah Schindler (A9.7) on November 19, 1876.

A32.4 Samuel Egly, born April 6, 1857, married Fanny Schindler (A58.1) about 1878.

A32.5 Joseph Egly, born May 2, 1859, married Rachel Rupp on October 25, 1883, in Archbold, Fulton County, Ohio. He was elected to serve as a minister on March 8, 1880.

A32.6 Abraham Egly, born February 7, 1862, married Leah Stucky on September 23, 1883, in Adams County, Indiana.

A32.7 Christian G. Egly, born April 10, 1864, married Anna Schenbeck on January 10, 1886, in Allen County, Indiana. He was elected to serve as a minister on October 27, 1886.

A32.8 Kathryn Egly, born October 4, 1867, married David Nicholas Claudon on March 1,

1891, in Adams County, Indiana.

A33. **John (Hans) Klopfenstein** was born near Belfort, France, December 10, 1783.[47] He first married **Catherine Linder** on November 12, 1810 and had four children. She was born April 26, 1783. After she died January 22, 1819 in Belfort, he married **Katherine Amstutz** on March 30, 1820. She was born June 24, 1795 in Florimont, Haut Rhin, France. She had been married previously to Peter Kauffmann. The family came to the United States in 1840 and settled in Stark County, Ohio. In 1850 they with several members of the family moved to Adams County, Indiana. They came to Fort Wayne by canal boat. Here they were met by family and friends who took them to French Township, Adams County where they settled on a 160-acre farm near (Newville) Vera Cruz. His net worth was $520 in 1853.

John died May 31, 1870 and is buried in the Moser Cemetery. Katherine died January 27, 1876 and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

The first six children were born in the community of Belfort, France, and 7 and 8 at Cravanche. The rest were born at Maison Rouge, in the community of Boron, France.

A33.1 son Klopfenstein, died at birth February 21, 1812.

A33.2 John Klopfenstein, born December 16, 1813 in Belfort, France, married Katherine Sommer on March 4, 1836. They lived in Allen County, Indiana.

A33.3 Joseph Klopfenstein, born February 14, 1817, died young in France.

A33.4 Christian Klopfenstein, born January 10, 1819, lived near Archbold, Ohio.

A33.5. Michael Klopfenstein, born February 11, 1821, died November 14, 1822.

A33.6 Barbara Klopfenstein, born September 2, 1824, died in 1895.

A33.7 Michael Klopfenstein, born March 22, 1824, married Lydia Sauder on February 7, 1850. She died June 11, 1875. He then married Rebecca Conrad in 1877. They lived in Allen County, Indiana.

A33.8 Katherine Klopfenstein, born December 18, 1825, died in infancy.

A33.9 Mary (Maria) Klopfenstein, born February 27, 1828, married Abraham Meyer (Meier) (R6) on September 30, 1851, in Adams County, Indiana. He was a member of the Reformed Church, which she also joined.

A33.10 Catherine (Katharina) Klopfenstein, born February 27, 1828, married Abraham Biberstein (A18.6) on October 22, 1846.

A33.11 Peter Klopfenstein, born August 22, 1830, married Mary Barbara Roth (A30.11) in Adams County, Indiana.

A33.12 Anna Klopfenstein, born February 12, 1834, married Daniel Shanebeck (A39.1) on November 23, 1856.

A33.13 Jacob Klopfenstein (AC24), born December 03, 1836, married Elizabeth Meyer (R5.7) on May 19, 1857. They united with the Apostolic Christian Church.

A34. **Peter Augsburger**. His age is given as 40 in 1850, and his wife, **Mary A. Goldsmith**'s age is given as 31 in the 1850 census of Adams County, Indiana. Both are said to be from France. In the 1860 census they are listed as from Switzerland and his age is given as 55 and hers as 46. They had a daughter named Mary and a son John. This couple would have come to the United States after 1846. No other information on this family is available. Peter could be from Switzerland and Mary from France. In the 1853 tax records he owned 80 acres, with a net worth of $440. In the 1860 census they had a net worth of $500.

A34.1 Mary was born about 1845 in France.

A34.2 John was born about 1846 in Switzerland.

Arriving in Adams County after the census was taken in 1850 were the Neuhauser brothers, who had come from Alsace, France. They came in 1851.

A35. **Peter Neuhauser,** an Amish Minister, was born in France about 1802. He with his children came to the United States from France shortly after his wife, **Elisabeth Gerig**, died January 27, 1851.[48]

In 1833 the family lived at Lusse, in the Department of St. Die where he was listed as a weaver. Later they lived at Hang, Bourg-Bruche

where he farmed as late as 1839. Before leaving for the United States the family was living at Gaberemont.

His oldest son had already come to the United States and was living in Adams County. He encouraged his father to come with the rest of the family, which they did in 1851, and settled in French Township, Adams County.

A family Bible, printed in 1855, contains a record of the family in his handwriting. He brought a notebook with sermon outlines when he came.

He married a widow, **Barbara Schmucker Moser**, on February 27, 1859. She was born in September 1825, and had been previously married to Abraham Moser (A17) who died in 1857. Peter died September 19, 1862, and Barbara on May 13, 1901. Both are buried in the Moser Cemetery.

A35.1 Christian Neuhauser, born September 4, 1831, in Alsace, France,
came to the United States with a Mr. Schlatter to Adams County, Indiana prior to the rest of the family. After working off his passage, he married Anna Schwartz on October 19, 1856, and settled in Allen County, Indiana.

A35.2 Johann Peter Neuhauser, born November 6, 1833, in Lusse, Alsace, France, died July 3, 1851. The date of death is uncertain.

A35.3 Joseph N. Neuhauser, born June 15, 1836, in Lusse, Alsace, France, married Mary Ehrismann on November 8, 1863, in Clinton County, Indiana.

A35.4 Magdalina (Mattie) Neuhauser, born May 18, 1839, in Lusse, Alsace, France, married John D. Moser (A5.1), on March 8, 1859, in Adams County, Indiana.

A35.5 Elizabeth Neuhauser was born April 8, 1843, at Gaberemont, Alsace, France. He likely died young.

A35.6 Barbara Neuhauser, born February 9, 1845, in Gaberemont, Alsace, France, married Andrew (Joe) Schertz in 1869.

A35.7 Peter J. Neuhauser, born December 10, 1859, in Adams County, Indiana, married Dina Neuenschwander on May 27, 1915.

A35.8 Catherine (Katie) Neuhauser, born March 20, 1862, married David R. Schindler on April 5, 1885, in Adams County, Indiana.

A36. **Jacob Neuhauser** was born November 16, 1808, in Alsace Lorraine, France.[49] He came to the United States with his brother Peter (A33). On February 13, 1859, he married the widow **Marianne (Maria) Biberstein Kocher** (A18.8) who was born August 3, 1828, in Renan, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Their children were born in Adams County, Indiana.

Jacob died September 12, 1891, and Marianne died August 12, 1914. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A36.1 John Neuhauser, born January 7, 1861, married Christina Steiner on March 7, 1883. She died August 18, 1916 and then he married Anna Hanson.

A36.2 Jacob Neuhauser, born April 4, 1863, married Rosina Steiner on April 9, 1887.

A36.3 Lydia Neuhauser, born February 26, 1867, married John (Johann) A. Amstutz on July 28, 1889.

A37 **Daniel Steiner** (M7.5), born September 1, 1821, in Boron, Belfort, France, came to the United States with his parents in 1825, and to Adams County, Indiana on August 31, 1839. On September 2, 1847, he purchased a farm in Monroe Township from Henry Moyer. He returned to Wayne County, Ohio to find a wife. He married **Barbara Rich** on May 1, 1851, in Wooster, Ohio. Later that year they made their home in Adams County. In the 1850 census at 28 years of age, he was living with his parents and had a net worth of $400.

Daniel was a Mennonite while Barbara was Amish. It is not known when a decision was made, but they became affiliated with the Amish. Daniel died June 30, 1895, and Barbara on August 23, 1905. They were buried in the cemetery of the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

A37.1 Catherine Steiner, born July 26, 1851, married John Huser (A12.6) on April 20, 1877.

A37.2 Peter D. Steiner, born November 27, 1852, married Barbara Moser (A61.1) on November 10, 1878.

A37.3 Christina Steiner, born December 10, 1854, married John S. Moser (A17.2) on September 21, 1875.

A37.4 Leah Steiner, born December 22,

1856, married Christian Breachy (Bruchy) on July 17, 1886.

Summary

With more than three dozen Amish families in Adams County, it is obvious that the community was well established in 1851. They now had three experienced ministers, **John Rich** (A3), **Philip Huser** (A12) and **Peter Neuhauser** (A35). In selecting **Henry Egly** (A32) as a Deacon in 1850, they were fully equipped to minister to the needs of the growing congregation. With such a large number of people, it was impossible for them to meet in any of the members' homes and barns. Thus, with the arrival of Peter Neuhauser, it may not have taken long for the group to have divided into two congregations.

A number of the families may have been only marginal members of the Amish congregation since minister David Baumgartner wrote that there were about16 Amish families living in the area. He may not have been that well acquainted with all these families since he lived on the north west edge of the Amish community.

In the Amish community by the end of 1851, not counting the Schwartzentruber family, there were 63 adults. Of these 27 were married couples, 4 were widows and 1 a widower, plus 4 single persons. There were 104 youth and children. Thus there were 167 persons making up the Amish community. This is a little over 11% more than the 146 persons in the Mennonite community.

Over half of the families were couples with young children. Nine older couples had from 5 to 9 children.

Death came to members of the Amish families during this decade of pioneering. The first child born to Louis Hirschy and Magdalena Burkhalter in 1848 was stillborn. Abraham Biberstein and Catherine Klopfenstein had a daughter Catherine that died at birth on February 24, 1851. Joseph Schlatter and Elisabeth Augsburger had a daughter Katharina, born March 16, 1845 died at age five on June 9, 1850. The seventeen-year old son of Peter Neuhauser and Elisabeth Gerig, named John Peter, died July 3, 1851.

Three mothers died during this time frame. Christian Esch's wife, Dorothea Mast died giving birth to her seventh child, Mary on December 3, 1848. Isaac Biberstein lost his wife, Magdalina Stool (Stoll) on September 3, 1849 from a malarial or intestinal fever less than a month after their marriage. Then minister John Rich lost his wife Elisabeth Schwartz, some time after 1850.

Thus, among the Amish, there were four children and three mothers who died. During the same period the Mennonites lost eight children and three mothers.

Of the 31 families for whom we have information, their net worth varied from $100 to $5,200. The four men with the most wealth were John (Johannes) Hirschy, Philip Huser, John (Johannes) Schindler, and Joseph Schlatter. Below we show the number of families with their net worth in 1850.

Number	Net Worth
2	100 - 150
2	300 - 331
1	400
4	500 - 530
1	600
1	800
1	900
4	1,300 - 1,600
2	2,300 - 2,400
3	2,500 - 2,600
2	3,000 - 3,500
3	3,800
1	4,300
4	5,000 - 5,200
31	$66,010

The median net worth was about $1,500.
The average was $2,129.

The total net worth of the Amish community was $66,010.

The five families with the lowest net worth were struggling. One family had 9 children and another 7. Young families were starting to get a foothold by purchasing land even if they had to borrow money to do so.

The successful establishment of both the Amish and the Mennonite communities in Adams and Wells counties can be attributed to a number of factors. The first of these was the availability of land that could be made productive if the

families were willing to put forth the hard daily labor to make it so. For the Mennonites and Amish, the possibility of owning their own land, which they could purchase for a modest price, gave them the incentive to endure the hardship of frontier life. They saw the possibility of gaining a strong financial footing for themselves and their children. Another factor that helped them in getting ahead financially was the experience they brought with them from Europe where they made marginal land productive. They were very knowledgeable farmers who were accustomed to using the best means of making and keeping land fertile when used year after year.

For the establishment of a community they also brought with them the experience of the past where they had lived as exiles in lands where they faced many restrictions. They had carried with them the sense of being a Christian brother/sisterhood, of living together with common faith commitments that governed their daily life. Out of such a life they were ready to assist each other in all the difficult situations of life. They had been a community of faith and love, and they were committed to transplanting what they had developed into this new situation.

Experienced ministers came to this new situation with a readiness to serve in such a way that they, as a community of faith, would not lose the qualities they had experienced in their life together in Europe. It was helpful to have trusted leaders they had known prior to coming to this new location. It surely gave them a sense of continuity with the past as they faced the new challenges of living in a land where new freedoms existed - freedom of faith, freedom to purchase and sell land, freedom to follow the opportunities that would open up through education and by mixing with people having differing points of view and experience.

While they had to create new houses and farms on the land to which they came, their sense of community and their religious life remained unchanged. It did not take long for them to feel a sense of normalcy about their life on the frontier.

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[1] The publication of the Montbelierd Mennonite Church Register, with additional and corroborating data from the French civil records and other sources as researched, translated, and editied by Joe Springer, Goshen Historical Library, Goshen College. Available to the public the summer of 2002.

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3. John M. Byler, *Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse,(* Elverson, PA: Olde Springfield Shop, 1993), 159.

4. In the 1850 census her name is given as Wilhelmina.

5. J. F. Snow, *Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana*, (Indianapolis, IN: 1907), 438 gives the year of their arrival as 1842.

6. Reported in "Descendants of Christian Augsburger and Barbara Liechty Augsburger" compiled by Homer D. Augsburger, November 1981, 5.

7. David L. Habegger, *The Hirschy Genealogy*, (Fort Wayne, Indiana: 1994), 147.

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9. The birth dates are from French civil records researched by Joe Springer, Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

10. *J,F. Snow, Op. Cit.*, 435.

11. Some researchers have her surname as Wenger or Schneiter. The best reading of the records in France give her name as Yost. The birth dates are from French civil records researched by Joe Springer.

12. The records for the arrival of ships to New York for the fourth quarter of 1820 have been lost, thus there is no confirmation of their arrival

date.

13. Her birth year has been given as 1820. However that is too close to her sister Barbara's birth.

14. Byler, Op. Cit., p. 49. Byler gives his middle initial as D. The Census record used G.

15. They would have come between the birth of Barbara on April 29 1840 in Holmes County, Ohio and before the birth of Christian C. on October 11, 1843 in Adams County, Indiana.

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17. Samuel Lehman, Op. Cit., 1, 35.

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21. Ibid., 23.

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24. Date given by Richard Moser. His tomb stone has March 10, 1814.

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26. He participated in the ordination of Henry Egly as a Bishop, as reported by Egly.

27. Berne SAT and research of Joe Springer in the civil records of France.

28. David L. Habegger, *The Hirschy Genealogy*, (Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1994).

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31. Ibid., 145.

32. The other two men were C. Henry Smith, and Samuel K. Moseman. They were the first Mennonites born in America to obtain an earned doctorate. All three grew up in Amish families.

33. Richard Moser, Op. Cit., Vol. II, 8-H.

34. Research in French Civil Records by Joe Springer, Goshen Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana.

35. The family was recorded in the 1850 Census of Adams County, Indiana. He is given as 40 years of age and Marianne as 23.

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46. Henry Egly., Ibid.

47. Dates for the family are from research in French civil records by Joe Springer.

48. M.D. Neuhauser, *The Descendants of Peter Neuhauser 1802-1862*, 1977.

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Chapter Four
German Reformed People

The Swiss of the German Reformed Church

The people making up the German Reformed Church congregation began coming to Vera Cruz in Wells County by the 1840s. This congregation is included here because many of its early members were from Switzerland and lived in Adams and Wells counties. The town of Vera Cruz, known as Newville until 1870, is less than ½ mile west of the Adams - Wells county line in French Township. It is located 3 miles north of what is today IN 218. (The way the crow flies, that is.)

Settled earlier than Monroe and Wabash townships, Newville was to become a social center. Accessible because of the navigable Wabash River, Newville was also near two trails. The Fort Recovery - Huntington Road was on the west side of the river connecting those two towns. The Senior Trace was on the east. One could take the Senior Trace eastward to the Quaker Trace and go north to Fort Wayne, or continue eastward to Willshire. Willshire, OH, was considered the economic center of the area due to its location on the St. Mary's River. The abundance of water, richness of flood plain soil and the higher ground was a draw to the early settler. The higher ground of each purchase was chosen for home sites, churches and cemeteries.[1] The ground donated by Emanuel and Julie Joray for the Reformed Church cemetery is on the west side of the county line resting in Wells County.

It was a unifying element among the settlers as it was used also by the Mennonites and the Apostolic Christian church people up to the time that their own cemeteries were founded some decades later.

Prelude to arrival

The State Church of Canton Bern, Switzerland, the Reformed denomination, has received much condemnation for the persecution of the Amish and Mennonites that happened more than two centuries ago. A couple things should be kept in mind. The attitude of those combating heresy in the church had a long history of abuse and death to those considered heretic. The Reformed and Lutheran churches were actually thinking that they were doing the right thing in causing the Anabaptists "to think things through," by threatening expulsion and even death. Had there been a Gamaliel present, perhaps he would could have reasoned as was done in Acts 5:33-39. In conclusion he said, "Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

It is also true that no church dogma can dictate the heart of people, as indicated in the article "Anabaptists of Langnau in the Emmental, Switzerland, in the 1600's" by David Habegger in, *Mennonite Family History*

magazine, issue January 2001. Johann Forrer, 1620-1629 was the Reformed pastor of the Langnau church. This young man was determined to show the Anabaptists the "error of their ways." After outlining his plans to the church Consistory, they would not agree with his aggressive stand. Many in the Reformed Church enjoyed a good relationship with the Anabaptists of the area. (taken from the article on pages 61-61). In fact, from other sources we have heard that those of the Reformed Church often warned Anabaptist neighbors when the "head hunters" were about. So, it was not uncommon to find a few Reformed Church families traveling with a boat-load of Anabaptists incoming to America.

One only needs to look at the settlement patterns to see how strongly a common back - ground, common language and common Bible pulled people together. In Wayne County, OH, the Mennonites settled in the Kidron/Sonnenberg area. To the southeast of them at Mt. Eaton were the Reformed and to the northeast were the Apostolic Christian folks. In Adams County, IN, the pattern was different. The Reformed church folks actually settled in the same area as David Baumgartner, the first Mennonite minister, and his sons. This settlement was to the northwest of the large 1852 migration that settled where Berne is today. The Apostolic Christian Church that was organized in 1858 was centered north of the Reformed Church and the Amish were to the east.

The German Reformed Church

While the Mennonite and Apostolic groups chose their ministers, bishops, and deacons by lot from within their congregation, the Reformed Church had established seminaries where men were trained for the ministry and then appointed them to a congregation. The church adhered to the Heidelberg Catechism that was prepared in 1563 by professors at Heidelberg College in Heidelberg, Germany.

Early German, Swiss and Holland immigrants of the Reformed faith made their way to America with William Penn in the early 1700s. As the frontier expanded westward, so did the church. In some cases it took years to establish church congregations because of the geographic limitations of floods, swamps and the general lack of roads. (Trails led from one land office to another, but not necessarily to the new communities that were springing up.)

The Reformed Church folks who settled here had relatives in the Wayne and Holmes county areas of Ohio. St. Paul, now the United Church of Christ in Mt. Eaton, Paint Township, Ohio, may have been the church attended by our Reformed settlers for the time they lived there.

The settlement began about 1835 when a large number of French speaking Swiss immigrants came into the Wayne and Holmes county area. Two separate Reformed congregations were formed according to language. As more German speaking people came to the area, the Swiss Reformed (French speaking) and the German Reformed churches merged into one congregation. The new church building was built and dedicated in October of 1848. [2 3]

By the spring of 1841 the first Reformed church settlers came to Vera Cruz, IN, located many miles west of the Ohio church. The area was lush with vegetation. Thick forests made travel and farming impossible until clearing was done. The Wabash River, while providing transportation and power for mills in later years, because of its flooding caused a miserable existence for many. It made the journeys of all very difficult and for itinerant pastors sometimes impossible.

Presumably, the river itself was much cleaner and deeper than today. However, through the summer month's disease was rampant as water drawn from the river, and pools became stagnant. Deaths were common to every family and surely tried one's faith.

German Reformed Church at Newville (Vera Cruz)

From the Centennial Souvenir publication, we learn the early Vera Cruz church history. The German speaking families of Saurer, Meyer, Moeschberger and Buehler were served by various visiting pastors. Pastors traveled from Fort Wayne, 25 miles to the north. Lutheran pastors as well as Reformed saw to the spiritual needs of the people in the early 1840's. The Reformed Church folk of Vera Cruz had some serious doctrinal differences with the Lutheran

pastors who came to Vera Cruz, however, and a split occurred. Those favoring the Lutheran doctrine formed their own, short-lived congregation. Later Rev. Knabe, for the Reformed persuasion, came to Newville every six weeks and preached on a Wednesday night in the homes of the Saurers, or the Muellers.

In 1848, Dr. Jacob Bossard of St. John Reformed Church of Fort Wayne brought the word to those early settlers of Newville. He administered the Lord's supper, performed baptisms, preached and visited his congregation. "Parents who were concerned about the welfare of the souls of their young people sent them to Fort Wayne for instruction in the way of life."

It was during the 1850's that the Reformed and Lutheran churches lost members to the newly formed Evangelical Association. Although church buildings had been built, these early churches suffered from inconsistent church services due to rapidly changing and empty pastorates.

The Rev. Frederick W. Dechant came in 1855. Under his leadership in 1858, the 46 by 30 foot church was dedicated. The Rev. Wm. H. Fenneman followed him in leadership. During his leadership the Reformed Church discipline and hymnal were adopted. (In nearby Huntington County, the Reformed Church was beginning and was formally organized in 1859 under the leadership of Rev. F. W. Dechant.)

On July 4, 1863, Nicholas Klein, Gottlieb Saurer and John Atz acting for the German Reformed Church at Newville traded their parsonage for the property belonging to Peter Bucher. (The former French Protestant Church house had been built in 1853. The church existed a very short time, and had been sold several times in the ten years). A church building and parsonage were now established.

During the very short tenure of Rev. G. W. Max Schulze, in 1863, thirty four people made their profession of faith. (It is interesting to note that in 1863 a new membership list was started in the church records.) John H. Stepler, John D. Gehring, F. Hullhorst, and Abraham Bolliger followed Schulze in the pastorate through the mid 1870's.[4]

Tradition of Record Keeping Brought from Switzerland

Three hundred years of records are available to those doing genealogy research in Switzerland because of the records kept by the Reformed church. Acknowledged as the "State Church" in most cantons, church baptism was synonymous with citizenship. The Reformed Church and Switzerland saw their record keeping as very serious business. Hence as early as 1557, names and dates of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, and records of communion, and membership have been kept. These records are available today on microfilm. The St. John Church at Vera Cruz began its record keeping in 1857.

The Reformed Church practices infant baptism. About the age of accountability, age 13 or 14, boys and girls are part of a confirmation class. This is when they decide to make their own commitment to the Lord. Interestingly enough, some in the early confirmation classes at St. John of Vera Cruz were of adult age, the reason probably being the lack of opportunity or resident pastor on hand during those early years.

Some adults were taken into membership by the Church Council, and others by transfer. It is interesting to note the number of people who were expelled or excommunicated. In checking the rules of the church we find that Article V, Section 7 of the constitution states that "A three months withdrawal from public worship without sufficient reason annuls the right to vote, and a two (2) years neglect of supporting the church and the benevolent causes, excludes from membership." Further, the Spiritual Council was to exercise discipline in the congregation. "If a member shall neglect to partake of the holy communion, or refuse to contribute to the support of the Church, or continuously absent himself from the public worship for one year . . . shall be admonished by the Pastor or Elders." After another year of such neglect the member would be on a list for discipline. The third year with no turn shall mean their name would be deleted from membership. Also, if any member united with another congregation without a letter of transfer, the Spiritual Council would likewise delete their name.

Looking at the church records one will find many family names disappearing by 1870. Sometimes families moved from the area, and memberships were transferred. Other families joined other church groups such as the Apostolic Christian and the Evangelical. Or, church membership may have lacked importance in the daily grind of life. Religious freedom in America also allowed for lack of church membership.

Reformed Church Historians

The Mennonite researchers have the Samuel Lehman Family Register, a personal collection of genealogical and historical record of Swiss families. The records the German Reformed Church Congregation at Vera Cruz have been reconstructed by Charles Joray and Ruth Gottschalk, to give us the family structures for this project.

Charles published his work, From These Roots: The American Ancestors of Charles N. Joray, in 1988. Because of his ancestry and their involvement with Vera Cruz, it has nearly become a history of the community, as well.

Ruth began her church history in the early 1990's preparing for the Sesquicentennial celebration of St. John Church in 1999. Ruth has based her reconstruction of the families connected to St. John Reformed Church congregation on church records and relentless searching of civil records and newspapers. To both of these people we are greatly indebted.

The history of the Cross Reformed Church of Berne, another Swiss congregation established in 1869 in Wabash Township, is being reconstructed by Corinne Lehman and Colleen Allmandinger. Many of the charter members of Kross Reformed spent their childhood years in the St. John congregation. While some will be included in this chapter others will be missed because of our cut-off year of 1862.

St. John Church Membership Records

As mentioned, the church records reveal many names that appear for a short time and leave the area. There are others that we have been unable to confirm through census and land records. Thus, we have been unable to add substantial narrative to their lives. Furthermore, one must be very careful when dealing with names as common as Augsburger, Sprunger, Springer, Baumgartner, Falb, Saurer, Sower, Sour. Repetitious first names can lead one to make wrongful family connections. We have found very inconsistent spelling on behalf of government officials and census takers. Who would expect to find John Spichiger spelled John Sprunger?

We have used the membership pages as a basis for inclusion in this chapter. Page 10 of the membership record begins with the charter members.[5] These people, with few exceptions, have remained in the area, and make up the backbone of the church and the community and whose names will follow. Beginning on page 11 we have members that fall into the category of more questions than answers. We will list those here.

Anna, Maria, Paul, and Peter Augsburger. Paul died before the 1863 listing. We believe Anna to be his widow. We do find an Anna Augsburger in the Harrison Township, Wells County, 1860 Census on line 271. She was 63 years old and apparently living alone in her own home. The church record reveals that she died by drowning[6]. Maria had moved away. David Ludwig Augsburger was confirmed on May 14, 1861, and moved away, while a Johnn Augsburger apparently remained. We find a John Augsburger with the Mosers later in this section. The same man?

A Jacob Baumgartner was taken into membership on May 14, 1861, by the Church Council. A Rosina Baumgartner attained membership on March 28, 1869. Were they related?

Jacob Braun and wife Louise were members, but writings tell us they were of German birth.

The Cap family; Leonard, Martha, and Wilhelm, were taken in as members on June 1859 and April 22, 1860, by the Church Council. This family moved into Wells County and descendants have continued their Reformed Church affiliation there.

One may wonder if the religious freedom these immigrants sought gave them the freedom to choose their own church, rather than "inherit" the affiliation of their parents. The name of Isaak Falb appears connected with several churches.

Again we must be careful with names - this time carried by a father and his son. The church record has an Isaak Falb confirmed in 1857, with a Johan following on May 14, 1861. These appear to be the sons of Isaac Falb (M15). The obituaries reveal that Isaac, Jr. (M15.3) later joined the Evangelical Church, while brother John (M15.7) remained in the Reformed. [7]

Frank and Gerwig families are listed as members for a short time. We find Abraham, Daniel and Elisabeth Gilliom. Elisabeth was baptized September 27, 1868. Continuing on, Johan and Henriette Grilby were early members. We did not pursue these people further.

Early members were Christian and Elisabeth Gurtner. The Gurtner name also appears in our chapter with Anna Barbara married to John Smith (R28), and Anna Gurtner, the second wife of Christian Hofstetter (also a Swiss Ancestral Tree entry). These three couples are strong in the Reformed Church community. While family relationship is strongly assumed between the women and Christian, it cannot be proven. Spellings here include Gurtner, Gunter, and Guiter.

An interesting dilemma comes with the Jondry family. This name is pronounced as you see written. However, it started as Tschandre or Tschantz. In some records we find Jandy. Those that were members of the church, Johann and Anna moved away in the 1860's. Maria Anna Tschantz, daughter of Jacob, married John Saurer (R1.4). According to the assessor's listing for 1853, Jacob Tschandre , Maria's father, had one of the five piano-fortes in the county, also a carriage and two watches for a total value of $21.[8]

The Hofer family lived in the vicinity for a number of years. Michael (Maria) was born in Switzerland and came to America as a young boy first settling in Holmes County, Ohio. He came to Wells County about 1857 and plied his trade as a tailor for twenty years. His wife was Mary Ann, or Maria who was born about 1831, also in Switzerland. Information taken from the 1860 Harrison Township, Wells County Census, beginning with line 281:

Michael Hofer	age 33 born in Switzerland
Mary Ann	age 29 born in Switzerland
Sophia	age 10 born in Ohio
Adolphus	age 9 born in Ohio
Louisa	age 7 born in Ohio
Julius	age 5 born in Ohio
Mary	age 3 born in Ohio
William	age 2 born in Indiana

Michael relocated to Falls City, Nebraska, with part of his offspring. Michael and Anna both died in Nebraska.[9] Daughter Mary remained in the area and married C.W. Hocker (R51.2).

Nicholas Klein and wife Elisabeth were early members of the church. They were German born.

Christian Lepper and wife Magdalena / Margaret Gilliom were members. The church record shows that Christian had been expelled during the 1864-69 time period. This may have coincided with Magdalena's (AC26) joining the Apostolic Christian Church. Both are buried at the Reformed Church Cemetery, along with Ludwig born in 1866. We find a 7 month old Louisa born to them in the Harrison Township,1860 Wells County Census.

We have a Moser being confirmed. We know that Rosina Moser (R26.7) was confirmed on October 1858, later married an Annen and moved away. Was she related to Maria Elisabeth, and Elisabeth, confirmed October 1858; Christina and Peter confirmed on May 14, 1861 and Johan Heinrich Moser? The plot thickens as ae find an Elizabeth Moser, age 18; a Peter age 15; and a Christena, age 13, living in the home of John and Susan Auxberger. This dwelling is line 1220, in French Township, Adams County, in 1860. Johann, age 60, and Susanna, age 48, Augsburger are members of St. John in 1863. All of these were born in Switzerland.

A cousin of the Wells County Saurers, Anna Saurer, the daughter of Johann and Elisabeth (Steiner) Saurer, married Ulrich M. Neuenschwander. (M53) The record shows the couple being were expelled. This correlates with their joining the Christian Apostolic Church. His brother Isaac Neuenschwander was a member of St. John Church for a time also.

Gottlieb, Johann and Maria Ritter (O47) were early members. We find their offspring interspersed in marriages with other members.

Of interest are Johan Spinger and his wife. This couple was taken into membership by the Church Council in May 14, 1861.[10] It appears that Johan died later in the decade. Only through a hunch were we able to piece the membership entries to the Spichiger family history, as alternative spellings also included Springer, and Sprunger. See R34.

The Valentin family attended St John, coming from Bluffton, IN. This included Elisabeth, Heinrich, Johan, Joseph, Maria Sarah, and Henriette.

Weisbrod, which translates into white bread, was also a name that weaves into St. John history. Elisabeth was an early member, while Abraham was expelled. A younger Elisabeth was confirmed in October 1858.

We now begin with those families who stayed with the church.

R1. **Christian Saurer** [11] was born February 3, 1783, in Ringoldwild, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He had married **Susanne Sigrist**, the daughter of John and Anne (Neuter) Sigrist, born April 3, 1797, in Spiez, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They were among the earliest settlers in the area and purchased land in Wells County, Harrison Township, section 17 prior to 1840. Both died in Wells County, IN and are buried at St. John Cemetery, Christian in 1868, and Susanne in 1869. She died in Wells County, IN, in 1869. They had nine children, all born in Switzerland.

R1.1 Marguerite Saurer born September 19, 1819. She married Swiss born John Moeschberger R9 (R7.3)) on April 20, 1841, in Wells County, IN. See the husband's entry for family listing.

R1.2 Christian Saurer was born on December 10, 1822.

R1.3 Marianna Saurer was born on July 31, 1824. She married John "George" Martz. They moved to DeKalb County, IN. John George, born November 29, 1820, died February 1, 1889. Marianna died December 18, 1913.

R1.4 John Saurer was born February 10, 1826. He married Maria Ann Tschantz / Tschandre / Jondry.

R1.5 Susanna Saurer was born September 13, 1827. She married John Atz.

R1.6 Anna Saurer was born April 24, 1830. She married John Peter Dreibelbiss, April 2, 1852, in Wells County, IN. This couple moved to Fort Wayne, IN.

R1.7 Fredrick Saurer was born on June 4, 1831. He moved to Minnesota and married Anna Kummer. Fredrick died on November 3, 1890, in Minnesota.

R1.8 Gottlieb Saurer was born on October 4, 1833. He married Eliza Moser (R26.4)

R1.9 Mary Saurer was born on November 25, 1836. She married Peter Nicholas Meyer (R5.4). Their only child, a daughter, did not survive a year.

R2. **John Saurer** (R1.4) married **Maria Anna Tschantz**, the daughter of Jacob Tschantz / Tschandre / Jondry in Vera Cruz, on December 13, 1855. Maria, born in Switzerland in October of 1836, died on February 5, 1905. John died in Berne, IN, on January 8, 1912. Both John and Maria Anna are buried in MRE.

Their children were born in Indiana. The first in Wells County, the rest in Adams County.

R2.1 Anna Saurer was born in 1857. She married Fritz Minger on January 9, 1883.

R2.2 Maria Saurer was born and died in infancy.

R2.3 Mary Saurer born September 8, 1861, married Wilhelm Baumgartner (M 4.8) on October 27, 1881.

R2.4 Louisa Saurer was born and died in infancy.

R2.5 Bertha L. Saurer was born July 14, 1864. She married Peter Johann Baumgartner (M4.6) on January 24, 1885.

R2.6 John Calvin Saurer was born July 31, 1867. He married Pauline Ehrsam on July 27, 1895.

R2.7 Emma Saurer born in 1870 married German born Fred Schaefer, May 25, 1889.

R2.8 Aldina Saurer was born February 8, 1873. She married Edward Luginbill (R18.3) on December 11, 1897.

R2.9 Albert Saurer was born in 1876. He married Anna Luginbill (R18.9) on December 11, 1897.

R3. **Susanna Saurer** (R1.5) married **John Atz**, the son of Heinrich and Elizabeth

(Grauweiler) Atz on June 24, 1853, in Adams County, IN. Susanna died on March 9, 1866, in Adams County and is buried at St. John Cemetery. Her children were placed in guardianship to brother Gottlieb, who in turn placed them in nurturing homes. Husband John, who was born July 3, 1825, in Pratteln, Canton Basel, Switzerland, left the area. He later joined his brother-in-law in the hardware business in Farmington, MN. John died in Rochester, MN, on May 10, 1902.

R3.1 John Hancock Atz was born May 1, 1854 in Kendallville, Noble Co., IN

R3.2 Frederick Atz was born June 8, 1855.

R3.3 Edward Atz was born about 1857.

R3.4 Lena Atz was born May 23, 1859.

R3.5 Albert Atz was born April 26, 1860.

R3.6 Jacob Atz was born June 8, 1862, in Wells County, IN

R3.7 Levi Atz was born on March 1, 1866.

R3.8 Robert Atz was born on March 1, 1866.

R4. **Gottlieb Saurer** (R1.8) Gottlieb Saurer married **Eliza Moser** (R26.4) on May 19, 1860. Gottlieb born October 4, 1833, died December 15, 1926, in Wells County, IN. Eliza, born March 12, 1839, in Petit Champoz, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died May 12, 1904, in Wells County, IN.

Their first eight children were born in Wells County, the remaining three in Adams.

R4.1 Edward Saurer born January 13, 1861, married Lucinda Mast.

R4.2 Ida Saurer born April 5, 1862, married Frank P. Hocker (R51.4) on August 3, 1887.

R4.3 Louisa Saurer born on February 27, 1864, married Benjamin Ashbaucher (R46.9) on August 10, 1882.

R4.4 Robert Saurer was born on June 4, 1865. He married Widella Klick and Minnie Kenagy.

R4.5 Meta Saurer born on July 13, 1868, married Godfrey Ashbaucher (R46.7) on October 4, 1891.

R4.6 Emma Saurer was born December 25, 1872, and died September 9, 1876.

R4.7 Mary Eliza Saurer was born on April 2, 1875, and married L. A. Linn on September 24, 1901.

R4.8 Lena Saurer was born on August 7, 1876, and died on May 27, 1903.

R4.9 Oswald Frederick Saurer was born on November 21, 1877, and died on September 26, 1890.

R4.10 Alfred Gottlieb Saurer was born January 1880, and married Nettie B. Bender on June 16, 1901.

R4.11 Elma Anna Saurer was born January 6, 1883, and died April 26, 1888.

R5 **Peter Nicholas Meyer,** Sr.[12] born March 3, 1795, married **Margaretha Miller** in Switzerland. She was born July 16, 1800. The family traveled from LaHavre, France, on the ship *Duchesse d'Orleans,* leaving on June 1, 1839, and arriving in New York on July 8, 1839.

They traveled to Wayne County, OH. (The obituary of Peter, Jr. states that they remained in Starke County, OH,). They remained for one year prior to coming in the spring of 1841, and settled in dense woods 6 miles east of Bluffton, Wells County, IN. Peter died in Vera Cruz on April 8, 1882, and Margaretha on May 19, 1863. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery.

Eight children were born to this couple while in Switzerland.

R5.1 Abraham Meyer (Meier) was born March 12, 1827. He married Mary Klopfenstein (A33.9) September 30, 1851, in Adams County, IN.

R5.2 John Meyer was born in 1828.

R5.3. Christian Meyer was born in 1830.

R5.4 Peter Nicholas Meyer Jr. was born May 22, 1831, and married Mary Saurer (R1.9) on July 3, 1856, in Vera Cruz. Peter, then married, Elizabeth Mosure the daughter of Peter and Susan Moser on December 26, 1860. The Reformed Church records reports "a loud cry through the church council's decision in the 2nd session 5,c." This is in reference to their decision to leave St. John and join the Apostolic Christian Church. See AC23 for their family.

R5.5 David Meyer was born 1834.

R5.6 Frederick Meyer was born in 1835. He married Elizabeth Hoffman on September 8, 1865 in Adams County. Frederick died in 1903,

with Elizabeth preceding him on January 10, 1900.

R5.7 Elizabeth Meyer was born November 28, 1836. She married Jacob Klopfenstein (AC29.13) on May 19, 1857. This couple joined the Apostolic Christian church. See AC24 for further details.

R5.8 Daniel Meyer was born in 1840 in America.

R6 **Abraham Meyer (Meier)** married **Mary Klopfenstein**. (A33.9). Mary was born February 17, 1828, in France and died May 11, 1888. Abraham was a veteran of the Civil War fighting with Co., G. 12th Regiment. He died October 23, 1909. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R6.1 John Meyer was born July 4, 1851.

R6.2 Peter Meyer was born December 26, 1852, in Adams County, IN. He married Bella M. Christy on May 4, 1876.

R6.3 Henry Meyer was born May 10, 1855. He married Bertha Gehrig (R38.6) on November 1, 1884, in Wells County.

R6.4 Ann Meyer

R6.5 Mary Meyer was born December 5, 1858. She married Arnold Achleman on December 22, 1882.

R6.6 Elizabeth Meyer was born on September 9, 1860. She married Jonathan B. Baumgartner (M4.2) on May 20, 1893.

R6.7 Rosa (Rosina) Meyer was born on May 6, 1862. She married Harry Presdorf on October 7, 1882. Harry, the son of William and Catherine (Crush) Presdorf was born in Iowa on April 30, 1857. Rosa died in 1936 and Harry on July 16, 1937. They are buried at St. Luke Cemetery in Kirkland Township, Adams County, IN.

R6.8 Jacob Meyer was born on April 25, 1864. He married Lena R. Howald on July 15, 1893.

R6.9 Lydia Meyer born on December 31, 1866, married Jacob Wegmiller on May 26, 1888.

R6.10 Eli Meyer born on March 8, 1869 married Florence Wook on January 1, 1895.

R6.11 Emma Meyer born August 25, 1871, was married to a Mr.Glancy and to Samuel Robinson.

R7 **John Ulrich Moschberger**[13] of Lützelflüh, Switzerland, was issued a passport on January 23, 1839. He and his family lived near Mont-Tramelan. Although many Mennonite families lived in the area, "neither Schwarz nor Moeschberger, as it seems were Mennonites." The letter continues saying that Ulrich, along with five families and a single person made the journey to the US together. [14] Along with him came his wife, **Madeleine**, and sons Christian, John and Jacob all born in Canton Bern, Switzerland. This family came on the sailing vessel, *Iowa* landing in New York harbor on May 23, 1838. The family stayed in Ohio a few years before coming to French Township, Adams County, IN.

John Ulrich was born in 1773 and died in 1846 in Adams County, IN. Madeleine was born in 1784, and died in 1856 in Adams County, IN.

R7.1 Honsyole (Hans Ulli) Moeschberger was born and died in Switzerland.

R7.2 Christian Meshberger was born July 10, 1810. He married Mary Houser and Anna Kohler.

R7.3 John Moeschberger was born September 12, 1812. He married Marguerite Saurer (R1.1).

R7.4 Jacob Moeschberger was born December 25, 1822. He married Rosa Reafe and Catherine Newport.

R8 **Christian Meshberger (R7.2)** born July 10, 1810, first married **Mary Houser**, June 8, 1848, in Adams County. This marriage evidently ended with her early death, for he married **Anna Kohler** on January 21, 1853, in Adams County, IN. She was the daughter of Peter and Hannah Kohler. Christian died about 1864, as his will was probated on May 23, 1864. Anna, married Frederick Meister and died November 24, 1898. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery at Vera Cruz.

All of the children of Christian and Anna were born of in Adams County, IN.

R8.1 Daniel Meshberger was born February 5, 1855, and died March 28 1928.

R8.2 Edward Moeschberger was born August 6, 1857. He married Anna Augsburger daughter of Christian G. and Elizabeth Baum-

gartner Augsburger, on July 27, 1893. Anna was born April 30, 1870.

R8.3 Lillian Meshberger born in 1865 and married Henry S. Michaud on October 8, 1895.

R8.4 Helen Meshberger was born about 1859 and died six months later.

R8.5 Caroline Meshberger was born on September 2, 1860, died September 4, 1938, in Decatur, IN.

R9 **John Moeschberger (R7.3)** was born September 12, 1812, and married **Marguerite Saurer**, (R12.4) on April 20, 1841, in Wells County, IN. John died on March 17, 1884, and Marguerite on November 9, 1894. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery near Vera Cruz.

All eleven children were born in Adams County.

R9.1 Elizabeth Moeschberger was born on November 3, 1841. She died on March 30, 1855.

R9.2 Christian Mschberger was born on July 11, 1843. He married Mary Beeler, (R12.4) on June 2, 1872, in Adams County. Mary was born December 20, 1854.

R9.3 Jacob Moeschberger was born December 15, 1844. He was married 38 years later to Mary Aeschliman, daughter of Louis and Mary (Mettler) Aschliman who was born October 10, 1861. Married on April 6, 1882, Mary died exactly one year later. Jacob them married Rosina Ashbaucher (R46.5). They married on September 1, 1889. Rosina was born on May 19, 1849.

R9.4 Anna Moeschberger was born on September 17, 1846. She first married Jacob Stahly on June 18, 1871. Jacob, born on April 6, 1817, died February 12, 1875. She married Fred Glaus on July 14, 1881. Fred was born January 20, 1845.

R9.5 Mary Moeschberger born March 21, 1848, married John Beeler (R12.2) on May 15, 1871. John was born on May 20, 1849.

R9.6 Catherine Moeschberger was born on January 20, 1850, and died October 9, 1879.

R9.7 John Moeschberger was born on December 9, 1852, and died January 20, 1871.

R9.8 Joel Moeschberger was born on November 20, 1855, and died on April 7, 1878.

R9.9 Peter Moeschberger was born on April 28, 1857. He married Rachel Neuenschwander (M24.8) on July 3, 1884. Rachel was born on February 26, 1861.

R9.10 Judith Moeschberger was born on May 20, 1860. She married Christian Yoder, son of Joseph Yoder and Katherine Stuckey A23, on October 5, 1889. Christian was born on March 1, 1861.

R9.11 William F. Moeschberger was born on January 20, 1865. He married Bertha Schwartz on November 23, 1893. Bertha was born on August 30, 1870.

R10 **Jacob Moeschberger (R7.4)** was born on December 25, 1822. He sailed to America on the same ship as his future wife and her family. **Rosa Reafe** was born about 1830 and died with the birth of her 13th child about 1864. All of the children were born in Adams County, IN. Jacob then married **Catherine Newport** on February 27, 1870. Jacob lived until May 31, 1903 when he died in Adams County.

R10.1 Christina Moeschberger was born about 1848. She married Peter Bieri (M20.3) on January 8, 1872, in Wells County, IN. Peter died on September 25, 1875, before his 25th birthday. She married John Christman on January 19, 1882. The marriage was short lived as Christina died September 15, 1885. John was born on September 12, 1851.

R10.2 Mattie Moeschberger was born on Christmas Day 1849. She married James Rohn on August 7, 1873.

R10.3 Abraham Moeschberger was born on Christmas Day 1849, a twin to Mattie. He was single and died June 2, 1927.

R10.4 David Meshberger was born on January 24, 1851. He married Jane Heller on July 27, 1877.

R10.5 Fred Meshberger was born in 1852. He married Melinda Captain (R19.4) on February 25, 1871. Melinda was born about 1847.

R10.6 Mary Moeschberger was born in 1854. She married Leander L. Dunbar on February 4, 1876. Leander was born on September 6, 1850.

R10.7 Benjamin Moeschberger was born on August 15, 1855. He married Mary Heller on

December 12, 1882. Mary was born on December 16, 1860.

R10.8 Jacob Meshberger was born on November 18, 1856. He married, a Mennonite young lady, Dina E. Loganbill on September 2, 1888, in Cantonment, Indian Territory, OK. Jacob joined the Church and together they served in the General Conference Mennonite's school for the Arapahoe Indian Children. The book, Dian Takes to the Indians, is about this work.[15] Jacob died August 25, 1942, in El Reno, OK. Dina born February 10, 1858, to Daniel and Judith (Moser) Loganbill in Dalton, Wayne County, OH, died in October of 1954. Dina and Jacob are buried in Oklahoma.

R10.9 Samuel Moeschberger was born August 15, 1857. He married Alberta Huffman, daughter of John and Mary J. Runyon Huffman. Alberta was born June 3, 1865.

R10.10 John Meshberger was born March 25, 1859. He married Caroline Baumgartner on October 29, 1891.

R10.11 Sarah Moeschberger was born on October 24, 1862. She married David Gerber (R27.8) on November 27, 1887.

R10.12 Elizabeth Moeschberger was born and died in 1864.

Brothers David and Abraham Bühler / Beeler followed the pattern of many of our Swiss immigrants. They traveled as far as Wayne County, OH, and recouped there from the financial and physical strains of travel. While records say that they were born in Germany, for our purposes we will be assuming that they, like the rest of the Reformed Church congregation and because of the future marriage partners, were actually born in Switzerland. We do not know the parents of these men.

R11 **David Bühler/Beeler** arrived in French Township, Adams County, IN, a couple of years earlier than his brother. David, born November 13, 1809, married **Catherine Cooper** who was born in 1821. Their first two children were born in Wayne County, OH, while the remaining eight were born in Adams County, IN. David died May 21, 1889, and Catherine on January 22, 1899. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery in Vera Cruz.

R11.1 John Beeler was born in 1839.

R11.2 Mary A. Beeler was born in 1841. She married John Balmer on December 23 1863.

R11.3 Peter Beeler was born on February 22, 1843. He married Katherine Beeler (R12.3) on April 9, 1869. Katherine who was born on February 7, 1851, died on January 2, 1872. He then married Elizabeth Heckathorn on January 21 1873. Elizabeth was born on December 5, 1851.

R11.4 David Beeler was born on September 16, 1845.

R11.5 Daniel Beeler was born on September 12, 1846. He married Elizabeth Aschbaucher (R46.1) on March 11, 1865. Elizabeth was born on October 18, 1842, and died June 8, 1901. Daniel then married Clara Alshouse on June 8, 1901. Clara was born on August 12, 1861, and died on September 1, 1941.

R11.6 Phillip Beeler was born in 1849.

R11.7 Anna Beeler was born in 1851.

R11.8 Elizabeth Beeler was born on April 11, 1854. She married Matthew Ashbaucher (R46.6) on October 31, 1875. Matthew was born on August 1, 1850.

R11.9 Jacob Beeler was born in 1858.

R11.10 Sarah Beeler was born in 1860. She married Gabe Markley.

R12 **Abraham Beeler** was born in 1812. He married **Magdalena Suter**, the daughter of Johann and Katharina (Moser) Suter in Wayne County, OH, about August 19, 1847. The exact time of their arrival in Adams County is not certain. They are listed in the 1850 Census, and the 1851 Tax Records. The first two children were born in Wayne County, OH, and the remaining children in French Township, Adams County, IN.

R12.1 Caroline Beeler was born March 22, 1845, the daughter of Magdalena. She married Jacob Mosser, son of Jakob J. and Anna Barbara (Hänni) Mosser on November 16, 1866, in Vera Cruz. Jacob was born October 13, 1840 and died December 5, 1903. Caroline died on October 25, 1913. They are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R12.2 John Beeler was born May 20, 1849. He married Mary Moeschberger (R9.5). Mary was born March 21, 1848, and died December 9,

1891. John died March 20, 1933. They are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R12.3 Katherine Beeler was born February 7, 1851 in French Township. She married Peter Beeler (R11.3) on April 9, 1869, and died soon after on January 2, 1872. Katherine is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R12.4 Mary Beeler was born on December 20, 1854. She married Christian Moeschberger (R9.2). She died on June 29, 1902, and Christian born on July 11, 1843, died on March 2, 1932. They are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R12.5 Sarah Beeler was born about 1861 and died April 5, 1938. She married Noah Studebaker on December 27, 1879. Sarah is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R12.6 Rebecca Beeler was born on February 28, 1865. In 1884 she married Edward D. Grimes. On April 9, 1892, she married Fred Hofstetter. Rebecca died in Richmond, IN, on August 12, 1908, and is buried at St. John Cemetery

R13 **Pierre Frederic Sunier** [16] and his children were born in Nods, Canton Bern, Switzerland. It was there that he married **Lydie Sunier** on November 20, 1819. Pierre, born on February 11, 1796, lost his first wife sometime after the birth of his third child while living in Switzerland. On January 4, 1830, Pierre married **Marianne Susanna Sophie Vuilloz** in Bienne, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They had three children, Susanna, Ami, and Julie. A third marriage in 1837 was to **Julie Rougemant.**

R13.1 Frederic Sunier was born April 25, 1821, and married Mary Ann Benay.

R13.2 Antoine Beri (Anthony) Sunier was born on April 15, 1825. He married (Marianne) Emilie Haenny.

R13.3 Lydie Sunier was born on October 22, 1826.

R13.4 Susanna Sophie Sunier was born September 17, 1831.

R13.5 Ami Sunier was born September 8, 1832.

R13.6 Julia Rose Sunier born September 23, 1833, married Charles Frederick Schaffter on January 1, 1853, in Wayne County, OH. Charles was born July 14, 1826, in Roche, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His parents were George and Suzanne (Schaffter) Schaffter.

R14 **Frederic Sunier (R13.1)** married **Mary Ann Benay**, the daughter of Nicolas and Anna (Valentin) Benay, on October 18, 1846, in Adams County, IN. Frederic died in April of 1856. Mary Ann then married another Swiss, David Bovine (R20).

All of the children were born in Adams County.

R14.1 Josephine Sunier was born on December 10, 1847.

R14.2 Justine Sunier was born February 17, 1849. She married Joseph Hocker (R51.1) the son of Stephen and Susanna (Wefler) Hocker, on August 30, 1868. Joseph was born in 1848.

R14.3 Justin Sunier was born July 13, 1852. He married Sarah Ellen Reiff, the daughter of Jerome and Mary (Souers) Reiff on January 1, 1874, in Wells County, IN.

R14.4 Josephine Bertine Sunier was born September 23, 1854. She married Phillip Biberstein (R43.16) on April 16, 1878, in Wells County. Philip lived less that a year after their marriage. Phillip was born April 19, 1854.

R14.5 Sarah Sunier was born January 11, 1856. She married W. Frank Ewing, the son of Levi and Caroline (Moziar) Ewing on Jane 13, 1877, in Wells County. Frank was born May 15, 1854.

R15 **Antoine Beri (Anthony) Sunier** was born on April 15, 1825. There is indication that he came to the USA in 1837. He was married to **(Marianne) Emilie Haenny**(O8.1), daughter of Samuel and Marianne Merillat Haenny, on June 7, 1849. Emilie came to America about 1844. Anthony, a Vera Cruz businessman, died on July 5, 1885, in Bluffton, IN. Marianne died on June 14, 1914 in Fort Wayne, IN. They are buried at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, IN,

R15.1 Aldine Sunier was born July 28, 1850 in Wells County. She married Christian Beer on July 5, 1874, in Wells County. Christian was born May 21, 1848.

R15.2 Marie Sunier was born in 1853 and died November 4, 1913 in Wells County, IN.

R15.3 Corinne Sunier was born in 1860. She married James R. Dailey on May 11, 1886, in Wells County.

R15.4 Albert Edward Sunier was born October 19, 1862. He married Mary Jane Henry on May 15, 1887 in Wells County.

R16 **Ulrich Schwartz**[17] was born in Canton Bern, about 1810. He married **Anna Stuckey**. The family traveled to America in 1848, spending about two years in the Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH, area before coming to Adams County. They arrived in a covered wagon and homesteaded a 160 acre farm. Both Ulrich and Anna died very soon after their arrival, he in 1853, and she on March 1, 1854.

The children were also all born in Switzerland.

R16.1 Karl (Charles) Schwartz was born on February 24, 1835, and married Magdalena Gerber (R27.3) in Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN, on December 29, 1864. Magdalena was born in October of 1838, in Switzerland. Charles, representing the Kross Reformed Church, was one of the committee that planned the MRE cemetery of Berne, IN. He was a charter member of the Kross Reformed Church, then located south of Berne. This church was founded in 1869. They had eight children.

R16.2 Mary Ann Schwartz was born on October 29, 1836, and married John Fuchs (R23) in Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN. See R23 for further information.

R16.3 Fredrick Schwartz was born in 1838 and married Catherine Speicher in March of 1872 in Wells County, IN. Catherine was born February 9, 1845, the daughter of Christian and Anna (Steiner) Speicher.

R16.4 Edward Schwartz born August 16, 1841, married Maria Sutter (M20.14) March 1, 1865, in Wells County, IN. Maria was born November 5, 1845. They united with the Apostolic Christian church and are buried at that cemetery.

R16.5 Emily Schwartz was born about 1843 in Switzerland

R16.6 Eliza Schwartz was born about 1845 in Switzerland.

R17 **Emanuel Joray**[18] was born in Belprahon, Canton Bern, Switzerland as were his first five children. Emanuel, born on January 15, 1811, married an older woman, **Julie Grandlienard**, born December 11, 1801. Emanuel obtained a passport for his family and himself on April 19, 1844. They left from the port of Le Havre and arrived in the USA around July 1, 1844. They came to the Vera Cruz, area and purchased 80 acres from Christian Sours(Saurers) on August 13, 1844. Though younger, Emanuel preceded Julie in death on April 10, 1877. Julie died March 29, 1889. They had given land to the St. John Church of Vera Cruz to be used as the cemetery, and they are buried there. Six children were born to this couple. The last, Justine, was born in Wells County, IN. The older children were born in Switzerland.

R17.1 Samuel Auguste Joray was born August 19, 1834, and married Esther Ellen Baughman, on November 24, 1864. He died on January 8, 1913 and she on July 24, 1917, they are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R17.2 Auguste Charles Joray was born on August 18, 1836. He married Elizabeth Maute on September 6, 1866, in Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN. (The Mautes are believed to be German). Auguste lived until July 26, 1891, and Elizabeth until March 27, 1932. They are buried at St. John Cemetery. They had eight children.

R17.3 Emilie Joray was born on November 1, 1837. She married Christian Luginbill on March 29, 1862.

R17.4 Marianne Elise (Eliza) Joray was born on March 5, 1841. She was the first of the family to die on September 25, 1854.

R17.5 David Solomon Joray was born on July 14, 1843. He died before his twentieth year on March 5, 1862.

R17.6 Justine Laiya Joray was born in Vera Cruz, Harrison Township, Wells County, IN on April 12, 1846. She died in Vera Cruz on August 6, 1876.

R18 **Emilie Joray** (R17.3) married **Christian Luginbill**, the son of Gendarine and Magdalene Luginbill on March 29, 1862, in Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN. Emily died on February 1, 1909. Christian, who was born on April 4,

1822, in Switzerland, died on May 17, 1910. They are both buried at MRE. They had ten children.

R18.1 Mary Ann Luginbill was born March 30, 1863.

R18.2 Cecile (Susie) Luginbill was born August 18, 1864. She married David Gerber (R27.8) on February 21, 1883. Susie died on May 5, 1884. She is buried at the Kross Cemetery, 150 West in Wabash Township, Adams County, IN.

R18.3 Edward Luginbill was born September 3, 1866. He married Aldina Saurer (R2.8) on June 3, 1893.

R18.4 Sophia Luginbill was born on February 8, 1868.

R18.5 Samuel Luginbill was born November 2, 1869. Samuel died in 1948 and is buried at MRE.

R18.6 David Luginbill was born March 29, 1871.

R18.7 Solomon Luginbill was born on July 21, 1873. He married Elizabeth Fuchs (R23.7) on May 14, 1898.

R18.8 Rachel Luginbill was born on June 14, 1875.

R18.9 Anna Luginbill was born on November 29, 1876. She married Albert Saurer (R2.9) on December 11, 1897.

R18.10 Sarah Luginbill was born on September 20, 1881. She married Ferdinand Fox (R23.11) and Reece Bodle.[19]

R19 **Solomon Captain or Capitain**[2021] was born in Roche, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1806. His wife, **Margaret,** records say, was born in France in 1809. Discrepancies make it difficult to be certain about the number of people in this family, as well as birth years. Margaret is buried at St. John Cemetery and, according to the tombstone inscription, died in 1881.

R19.1 Adaline Captain was born about 1834 in France.

R19.2 Elisabeth Captain was born March 28, 1841, in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. She married Michael Fuchs [22] (R22) on April 30, 1861, in Adams County, IN. While Michael lived roughly from 1821 to April 22, 1896, Elisabeth lived until August 23, 1914. They are buried at MRE. See R22 for their children.

R19.3 Lucinda Captain was born December 24, 1843, in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. She died January 30, 1912, in Adams County, IN. Lucinda is buried at MRE.

R19.4 Melinda Captain was born about 1847 in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. She married Jacob Reiffe on April 19, 1866. Jacob lived from 1838 to May 31, 1869. After his death Melinda married Fred Meshberger (R10.5) on February 25, 1871.

R19.5 John Captain was born in 1849 in Indiana. He married Mary Ann Sovine on July 27, 1872. Mary Ann was born in 1853, the daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Garbor) Sovine, both natives of Switzerland

R20 **David Bovine**[23] was born about 1820 in Switzerland. He was the son of Abram and Susane Chovat Bowvin / Bovine. He married **Malea/Mary Sovine** on September 18, 1847. Malea was born about 1829 and died very early in the marriage perhaps in connection with the sixth child. She is buried at St. John Cemetery. They lived in Harrison Township, Wells County, and are listed in the 1850 Census. David and Malea had six children.

At the death of his first wife, David married the widow of Peter F. Sunier (R14), **Mary Ann Benay** on October 10, 1857. She brought her five children to this marriage, and together she and David added six more family members. David died in 1889 and Mary Ann on June 21, 1907.

R20.1 Albertine Bovine was born March 1, 1850, in Vera Cruz. She married Emanuel Biberstein (R43.13) on April 20, 1869.

R20.2 Augusta Bovine was born August 10, 1852. She married Albert Walter on December 19, 1873.

R20.3 Jane Bovine married William Cline on July 4, 1871.

R20.4 Henry Bovine was born on October 12, 1853. He married Mary E. Gilbert, who died April 4, 1896, and Charity Huling Pence who died August 13, 1935.

R20.5 David Bovine was born on October 6, 1856. He married Emma Smith on March 25, 1883.

R20.6 Eliza Bovin.

R20.7 Louise Bovine was born on July 13, 1860.

R20.8 Levi J. Bovine was born on February 18, 1862, and died on March 4, 1943.

R20.9. Mary Bovine was born on May 25, 1864. She married Lewis Starr on October 18, 1883.

R20.10 Emma L. Bovine was born on August 5, 1867. She married James Huffman, on October 23, 1884.

R20.11 Alexander Bovine was born on December 27, 1869. He died on March 9, 1953.

R20.12 Cora Bovine was born on December 14, 1872. She married Harry Hedges on October 19, 1893, and Charles Irwin Studebaker on January 17, 1903.

R21 **Jacob Fuchs,** wife **Katharina Ross,** and family came to America in 1849 from Germany. After spending some time in Butler County, OH, three sons are said to have walked to Adams County, IN. His three daughters married and remained in the Butler County, OH, area. Census records state the family was born in Germany, which may include many geographical areas outside of what we know as Germany today. The nationality is uncertain. The Fuchs name is found in the Swiss Family Book. More research must be done to ascertain Swiss roots, however.

R21.1 Michael (Fox) Fuchs was born in 1821. He married Elisabeth Captain (R19.2) on April 30, 1861.

R21.2 George (Fox) Fuchs was born on February 23, 1824 and married Katharina Steiner, (M7.7) daughter of Christian and Christina Pfister Steiner on June 15, 1855, in Linn Grove. They joined the Amish Church and for further record see A56.

R21.3 John (Fox) Fuchs was born on January 16, 1827 and married Mary Ann Schwartz (R16.2) on August 8, 1855 in Vera Cruz.

R22 **Michael Fuchs/Fox** (R21.1)[24] married **Elisabeth Captain** (R19.2)[25] on April 30, 1861, in Adams County, IN. It has been said that Michael and his brothers walked from Butler County, OH, near Cincinnati, to the Adams County area. Michael born in 1821, died April 22, 1896. Elisabeth born March 28, 1841, in Ohio, died August 23, 1914 . Both are buried at MRE.

R22.1 Melinda Fox was born January 5, 1865, in Hartford Township, Adams County, IN. She married Daniel D. Moser on January 4, 1887.

R22.2 Emeline Fox was born July 12, 1868, and died March 13, 1936.[26]

R22.3 Noah Fox was born October 18, 1876, and married Lillie Ann Hirschy on May 29, 1904.

R23 **John Fuchs** (R21.3)[27] married **Mary Ann Schwartz** (R16.2) on August 8, 1855, at Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN. John died July 15, 1902, in French Township, Adams County, while Mary Ann lived until August 23, 1918. Both are buried at MRE. The children were born in French and Monroe Townships.

R23.1 Jacob Fox born December 20, 1856. He married Rachel Moser.

R23.2 John Fox born March 17, 1858, died January 26, 1925.

R23.3 Charles Fox was born January 27, 1860 and died July 26, 1906.

R23.4 William Fox was born April 18, 1862, and married Lydia Beer on October 5, 1888.

R23.5 Carolina Fox was born September 20, 1864, and married Isaac Beer on July 17, 1887.

R23.6 Robert Fox was born January 13, 1866, and died September 10, 1874.

R23.7 Elizabeth Fox was born July 27, 1868, and married Solomon Luginbill (R18.7) on May 14, 1898.

R23.8 Frederick Fox was born March 31, 1870. He married Mary Yoder on December 29, 1902.

R23.9 Julius Fox was born July 28, 1872. He died July 22, 1942.

R23.10 Edward Fox was born November 6, 1873. He died December 23, 1952.

R23.11 Ferdinand Fox[28] was born June 13, 1876, and married Sarah Luginbill (R18.10). He died January 9, 1911.

R23.12 Calvin Fox was born on November 20, 1977. He died March 6, 1943.

R23.13 Aldina Fox was born April 11, 1881. She married Enoch Yoder on October 21, 1905.

R24 **Henry Schaffter**,[29] a cabinet maker, left Switzerland and arrived in the US about July of 1850. Traveling with him were his wife and three small sons, the youngest who died on their arrival and is buried in New York. The family settled in Wells County, IN. Henry, born on May 12, 1818 in Canton Bern, was the son of John Henry Schaffter and Susan Lidie Lugmes. He married **Marianne Bovine**, daughter of Abram and Susane Chovat Bowvin / Bovine (sister of David Bovine, R20). Henry died October 25, 1904, and is buried at St. John Reformed Cemetery in Vera Cruz. Marianne was born August 24, 1827, and died January 24, 1898. She is buried at Kross Reformed Cemetery, Wabash Township, Adams County. Although 12 children were born to this couple, only seven survived to adulthood. This is a good illustration of the heartaches endured by our early settlers.

R24.1 Ami Schaffter was born July 28, 1847, in Switzerland, and died January 27, 1928. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R24.2 Laurent Schaffter was born August 30, 1848, in Switzerland, died in Oregon.

R24.3 Henry Schaffter was born April 8, 1850 and died July 2, 1850. He is buried in Watertown, NY.

R24.4 Marie Schaffter born September 26, 1851, in Wells County, IN, married Samuel L. Gracy.

R24.5 Pauline Schaffter was born on April 26, 1853.

R24.6 John Schaffter born October 9, 1855, married Flora Walker on January 18, 1880, in St. Clair, MO. Both later died in Wells County, IN.

R24.7 Ellen Schaffter was born on December 18, 1857, and died January 18, 1860.

R24.8 Isabelle Schaffter was born Christmas day, 1859, and one month later on January 25, 1860.

R24.9 Ellen Schaffter was born on September 23, 1861, and died June 21, 1862.

R24.10 Susan Schaffter was born on May 31, 1863. She married Lewis Girardin on March 30, 1871, in Wells County, IN.

R24.11 Louise Schaffter was born on January 1, 1866. She married Manley Capron in Montana.

R24.12 Charles Schaffter was born August 30, 1868. He married Emma Moeschberger on March 17, 1901. She was the daughter of Christian Moeschberger (R9.2) and Mary Beeler (R12.4)

R25 **Abraham Ellenberger**[30] and wife **Elisabeth Müller / Miller** arrived in the US about 1838. Of Swiss origin, their first child Valentine was born while they were still in New York. The family followed the path of so many Reformed Church families and moved to Wayne County, OH. Most of the records for the children give Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH, as location of birth. The youngest is said to have been born in Indiana.

R25.1 Valentine Ellenberger was born about 1838 in New York. He married Salome Walchli on January 19, 1864, in Adams County. Valentine died early, on October 12, 1865[31]. His death is recorded in the St. John record book. Salome Walchli returned to her family with her infant son, Heinrich. She later married Isaac Hilty. Salome was born on December 23, 1839, and died September 17, 1916, in Richland Township, Allen County, OH.

R25.2 Elisabeth Ellenberger was born October 22, 1939. She married Abraham Schnegg, March 13, 1866, in French Township, Adams County.

R25.3 Louise (Louisa) Ellenberger was born November 23, 1840. She married Isaac (Isaak) Neuenschwander on October 11, 1866, in Adams County. The family moved to Missouri in September of 1872.

R25.4 Heinrich Ellenberger [32]was born March 25, 1842. He married Katherina Baumgartner (M3.6) on October 31, 1867, in Decatur, IN.

R25.5 Karolina Ellenberger was born August 25, 1843. She married Abraham Baumgartner, (M3.5) the older brother of Katharina (above). Also married in Decatur, Karolina and Abraham were wed on September 15, 1864.

R25.6 Frederick [33]Ellenberger was born April 7, 1845. He wed Elizabeth Beitler (R45.3) on November 13, 1873.

R25.7 Peter Ellenberger was born about 1847.

R26 **David Moser**[34] was married to **Anna Habegger**, June 10, 1834, in Petit Champoz, Canton Bern, Switzerland, by David Baumgartner.[35] Born March 3, 1808, at Le Jean Gui, Moutier, Canton Bern,[36] David was a hat maker and farmer by trade. David was the son of Johannes Moser and Barbara Baumgartner. Anna, born July 16, 1810, in Trunda, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern,[37] was the daughter of Peter Habegger and Elisabeth Sprunger. It is interesting to note that the Reformed Church at Roche, near Moutier, baptismal record states that on January 17, 1845, five of the children were brought to the Reformed Church, at Roche, in Moutier, for baptism. While we find some affiliation between the Reformed Church in Adams and Wells counties and the children, we can not find evidence that David and Anna were connected with St. John Church in Vera Cruz.

David and his family arrived in Wayne County, OH, on June 24, 1853. They finished the journey to Adams County, IN, on August 18, 1853. David died January 24, 1879, and Anna, April 15, 1878, both near Vera Cruz.

R26.1 John Jacob Moser, born on April 13, 1835 in the Jura, married Elizabeth Neuenschwander in 1860. John died April 25, 1910. (John Moser and family may have moved to Lima, OH, where he was involved with a drug store. Record shows a John there died April 25, 1910, with a wife and two daughters surviving.)

R26.2 Marianna Moser was born May 28. 1836. She married Abraham Ramseier, son of Johannes and Katharina (Baumgartner) Ramseier in 1862. He lived from January 8, 1831, to July 22, 1903 and died in Lima, Allen County, OH. He was a drug store owner.

R26.3 Elisa Moser was born August 11, 1837, and died on the farm, Petit Champoz, on February 15, 1838.

R26.4 Eliza Moser was born on March 12, 1839. She married Gottlieb Saurer R4 (R1.8) on May 19, 1860. For the family record see R4.

R26.5 Johann Frederick Moser was born December 27, 1840, and died January 19, 1896.

R27 **Christian Gerber**,[38] born October 10, 1802, was one of the pioneering spirits of the Reformed Church community. He helped establish the Kross Reformed Church, originally located 1 mile north of the Wabash River on what is now 150 West in Wabash Township. A fragment of the graveyard remains. This church, now Cross United Church of Christ, is located in Berne at 315 West Main Street.

Christian married **Magdalena Rhorebaugh** in Langnau, i.E., Switzerland, on May 12, 1823,[39] the couple had four children. Magdalena died in 1843 in Switzerland. After Magdalena's death he married **Elizabeth Smutt** on April 12, 1844.[40] She was the daughter of Abraham and Magdalena (Mettler) Smutt. Christian and Elizabeth had four more children with the last two born in Indiana.

They left from Antwerp in 1852. They arrived in New York 42 days later. They traveled by rail to Cleveland and to Fort Wayne by the Miami Canal. All were strong, influential members of the Reformed Church community of Adams and Wells County.

R27.1 Christian J. Gerber [41]was born May 22, 1828, and married Verena (Fanny) Spichiger on August 18, 1865.

R27.2 Frederick Gerber was born January 3, 1832. He died March 28, 1902[42] in Berne, IN.

R27.3 Magdalena Gerber was born in October of 1838. She married Karl (Charles) Schwartz (R6.1) on December 29, 1864 in Vera Cruz.

R27.4 John Gerber was born on December 12, 1842. He married first Anna Moser, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Schmucker) Moser, on October 6, 1868 in Vera Cruz. Upon Anna's death on July 27, 1874, John married Caroline Spicheger. Caroline was born on August 5, 1857, in Putnam County, OH.

R27.5 Gottlieb Gerber was born July 8, 1847, and married Catherine Speicher (R34.1) in 1873.

R27.6 Rosetta Gerber was born June 27, 1852. She married William Christian Speicher on November 20, 1873. William was born on August 9, 1843.

R27.7 Robert Gerber was born in the US about 1855 and died about 1863.

R27.8 David Gerber[43] was born March 1, 1861, in Wabash Township, Adams County, IN. He first married Cecile (Susie) Luginbill born August 18, 1864. He then married Sarah Moeschberger (R10.11) on November 27, 1887. Sarah was born October 24, 1862.

R28 **John (Schmied) Smith** [44] [45] was born in Canton Bern, February 2, 1825. Dates of marriage vary, but according to research done by Ruth Gottschalk, he and **Anna Barbara Gurtner**, born Mary 26, 1833, in Switzerland, were married January 27, 1855, in Vera Cruz by Rev. Dechant at the German Reformed Church. The 1860 Wells County, Harrison Township, census also shows the birth of the first child to be in Harrison Township in 1856. Other sources giving the dates of their arrival to the US in 1859 are incorrect. On October 4, 1861, John formally changed the spelling of his name from "Schmied" to " Smith."

John died on Christmas Day, 1903. Anna Barbara died May 22, 1910. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery in Vera Cruz.

R28.1 Mary Smith born February 1856, married Christian Eberhard Holzworth on January 25, 1883, in Adams County.

R28.2 Elizabeth Smith born about 1859 married Matthias Birkhold in 1882.

R28.3 William Smith born April 9, 1860, in Vera Cruz, married Mary Ellen Baumgartner the daughter of (Peter B. and Mary (Hawkins) Baumgartner.

R28.4 John Smith born January 28, 1862, married Elizabeth Neuenschwander the daughter of Christian Neuenschwander on August 30, 1894, in Vera Cruz.

R28.5 Rosina Smith was born November 16, 1864, in French Township, Adams County. She married Frederick A. Blickwedel, and Fred Matti.

R28.6 Simon S. Smith was born September 6, 1866. He married Martha Ann Shank.

R28.7 Daniel Smith born February 21, 1872 married Mary Elizabeth Huffman.

R28.8 Christian Smith died in infancy.

R29 **Johan Wanner**[46] born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, migrated to America in 1853. Married to **Elizabeth Zaugg** in 1845, we find the couple in the St John Church records on page 11. Johan died on October 28, 1916, and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery as is, Elizabeth who died May 6, 1888[47]. It is said that they have seven children who died in infancy. Johan married **Mary Ann ——, widow Roth**, in 1893. She, born March 25, 1853, in Switzerland died November 26, 1919, in Salamonia, IN.

R29.1 Anna Wanner,[48] was born about 1845 in Switzerland. Anna was confirmed in St. John Reformed church on May 14, 1861. She married Anthon Kauffman and died before 1916, probably in Kansas.

R29.2 Elizabeth Wanner was born about 1850 in Switzerland.

R29.3 Isaac Wanner

R29.4 Emmanuel Wanner[49] was born August 25, 1864 . Emmanuel married Elizabeth Feitz on February 18, 1887 in Linn Grove. After her death he married Salome Hirschy (A14/10) on December 8, 1891.

R30 **Christian Burghalter**[5051] was born in Biel, Switzerland, on March 2, 1798. He married **Emelie Wurst** in Souboz, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Their three children were born in while in Switzerland.

The family history written by grandson Daniel Burghalter states that daughter Mary came to the US before the rest of the family. Her marriage date of May 17, 1851, would then indicate that the family arrived later in that year or in 1852.

Christian and family arrived in the Sonnenberg, Wayne County, OH, area in April of 1851 or 1852. They moved to Adams County in October of 1858 as part of a group that included all of their married children and their families. Christian died on May 2, 1873, and Emelie on April 5, 1875. They were originally buried at the Kross Reformed Cemetery, but were later moved to MRE.

R30.1 Mary Burghalter born January 24, 1827, was married to Henry Louis Schaffter on May 17, 1851.

R30.2 Christian Burghalter [52]was born February 5, 1833, on Dachsfelden, Langnau, Switzerland. He was married to Mary Hartman.

R30.3 Catherine Burghalter was born about 1842. She married John L. Gilgen son of John and Mary Gilgen. They had one daughter, Louisa, born December 10, 1864. Catherine died between the birth of Louisa and 1874. John then married **Anna Marie Maute**. They had four children. Both are buried at MRE.

R31 **Mary Burghalter**[53] (30.1) born January 24, 1827, was married to **Henry Louis Schaffter**[54] on May 17, 1851, in Wooster, Wayne County, OH. Henry, the son of George and Suzanne (Schaffter) Schaffter, was born in Roche, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Mary died January 24, 1898, and Henry on April 3, 1907[55]. Both are buried at the Cross (Kross) Reformed Cemetery on 150 West, in Wabash Township, Adams County, IN.

R31.1 William Schaffter was born on September 29, 1852, in Wayne County, OH. He married Leah Kauffman, the daughter of Daniel and Barbara Eicher Kauffman and widow of John C. Christy, on October 4, 1885.

R31.2 Joel Schaffter was born on October 23, 1857, in Wayne County, OH. He died December 17, 1943.

R31.3 Caroline Schaffter was born on April 2, 1860, in Adams County, IN. She married Daniel Hawbaker (M14.3) on January 27, 1885.

R31.4 Lydia Schaffter was born June 13, 1862 in Adams County, IN. She married David Kauffman on November 29, 1889.

R31.5 Marianne Schaffter was stillborn on April 9, 1865.

R31.6 Catherine Schaffter was born on November 22, 1867. She married Ernest Huggel on April 20, 1911.

R31.7 Amos Schaffter was born on February 13, 1870. He died August 24, 1922.

R33 **Christian Burghalter**[56] was born February 5, 1833, on Dachsfelden, Langnau, Switzerland. He was married to **Mary Hartman** on July 4, 1858, in Erie, PA by a German Evangelical minister. Mary, a German by birth, was the daughter of Michael and Lydia (Christman) Hartman [57]was born November 30, 1835 in Mt. Eaton, Paint Township, Wayne County, OH. She met Christian as a young carpenter. They agreed to meet in Erie to marry, where he was working at the time.

R33.1 Emma Caroline Burghalter was born May 29, 1859, in French Township, Adams County, IN. She married Eugene Kneuss in December of 1896.

R33.2 Emelie Louise Burghalter was born December 19, 1860. She married Swiss born Emil Pleuss in the spring of 1891.

R33.3 Amanda Burghalter was born on March 3, 1862. She married Edward Vornholt on June 23, 1891.

R33.4. Elias Burghalter was born on July 20, 1865, and died February 4, 1869. Originally buried at the Kross Reformed Cemetery, his body was moved to MRE.

R33.5 Daniel Burghalter was born on October 16, 1867, in Wabash Township, Adams County, IN. He married Pauline T. Miller on June 19, 1895 in Tiffin, OH.

R33.6 Sarah Ann Burghalter was born on April 5, 1870. She married Frederick Gottlieb Eichenberger, son of Frederick Ulrich and Susana Gammeter Eichenberger, on June 1, 1892, in Berne.

R33.7 Lydia Burghalter was born on September 14, 1873, and died February 11, 1875. Lydia's body was moved from the Kross Reformed Cemetery to MRE.

R33.8 Ida Mae Burghalter was born on July 27, 1875. She married Edward Stahly, the son of Jacob and Anna Moeschberger Stahly on December 29, 1900.

R34 **John Spichiger** (R30.2)[5859] was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland about 1828. He married **Verena "Fanny" Spichiger**, the daughter of Johann and Verena Burkhalter Spichiger in Wayne County, OH. After their first daughter was born, they moved to French Township, Adams County, IN, in the late 1850's. John was drafted into the Civil War in October of 1862. He died on the boat returning home and was buried in the river. After John's death, Verena married **Christian J. Gerber** (27.1) on August 18, 1865.

R34.1 Caroline Spicheger was born August 5, 1857, in Putnam County, OH. She married

John Gerber (R27.4) in 1874. John was born on December 12, 1842.

R34.2 David Spichiger was born May 11, 1860, in French Township, Adams County, IN. David married Magdalena Mettler on April 16, 1898, in Berne, IN.

R34.3 Abraham Spichiger was born on April 18, 1862. He married Rosa Urick.

R34.4 Mary Spichiger

R35 **Samuel Riff**,[60] [61] son of Joseph and Barbara Baumberger Riff was born in Rumisberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was born on February 12, 1816. He was married to **Anna Spichiger**, on May 28, 1849, in Amt. Befert, Canton Bern, by Joseph Schneeberger, pastor of the Reformed Church. Samuel and Anna arrived in Wayne County, OH, in June of 1853. They arrived in Adams County in 1863. (Anna is a sister to Verena, spouse of R34.) Samuel died April 26, 1898, and Anna on December 11, 1905. Both are buried at MRE.

R35.1 Marianna Riff was born March 26, 1850 in Switzerland. She married Johann Wittwer (M80.1), on September 28, 1867, in Berne.

R35.1 Johann Ryf was born January 21, 1853 in Gulu, Canton Bern. He married twice. His first wife, Adel Girod (R51.2) daughter of Oliver and Rosina Baumgartner Girod, born December 12, 1853, died just less than a year and half after their marriage, on August 4, 1880. His second wife was Emma Meier, daughter of Fred and Maria Stockhill Meier. They married on March 11, 1881, in Vera Cruz. Emma was born January 10, 1862.

R35.3 Verna Riff was born March 19, 1855 in Wayne County, OH. She married John (Beutler) Beitler, (R45.1) on February 22, 1877.

R35.4 Elizabeth Riff was born on June 3, 1957. She married Benjamin Nussbaum (M46.7), on December 29, 1878.

R35.5 Katharina Riff was born on March 1859 and died in the fall of 1864.

R35.6 Abraham Riff was born on June 9, 1861 and died in October of 1861.

R35.7 Lina Riff was born September 25. 1863 in Monroe Township, Adams County, IN. She married twice. On January 21, 1882, she married Louis Girod (R51.1) in Vera Cruz. Louis, died on November 21, 1886. On March 4 of 1890, Lina married Emil Brunner.

R35.8 Anna Riff was born on December 13, 1866. She married John J. Burke, son of Johannis and Elizabeth Hofstetter Burke, on November 13, 1886, at Vera Cruz.

R35.9 Rosina Riff was born March 29, 1871, in Monroe Township, Adams County. She married Silas Sprunger on June 3, 1891 in Vera Cruz. Silas, the son of Jakob and Anna (Sprunger) Sprunger, was born October 10, 1868.

R36 **Jacob Wetter**[62] was born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland on April 27, 1815. He married **Julia Biberstein**, (R43.2)[63] the daughter of Benedict and Rosanna Ritter Biberstein on April 7, 1846, in Wayne County, OH. Julia was born on August 10, 1828, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland and died on June 24, 1890, in Vera Cruz. Jacob died on March 8, 1893, in Adams County. They are both buried at St. John Cemetery in Vera Cruz.

R36.1 John Wetter born August 15, 1846, married Elizabeth Weisbrod on September 2, 1869.

R36.2 Philip Wetter was born September 8, 1847, and died in 1875. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R36.3 Lizzie Wetter was born on September 8, 1849, and died in 1907. She is buried at Lynnwood Cemetery, in Fort Wayne, IN.

R36.4 Lena Wetter was born October 24, 1852, in French Township, Adams County, IN. She married Benedict E. Liniger on March 12, 1882.

R36.5 Henry Wetter was born on November 18, 1853, and died in 1856. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R36.6 Rosina (Rose) Wetter was born March 17, 1856. She married John Bucher the son of Joseph and Katie Bucher on April 10, 1879.

R36.7 Mary K. Wetter was born on July 10, 1858. She married Samuel Beitler (R45.5) on January 8, 1884, at Vera Cruz.

R36.8 Jacob Fred Wetter was born and died in 1860.

R36.9 David Wetter was born in 1862 and died in 1865.

R36.10 Jacob Wetter was born in 1865 and died in 1868. Burial for these three children was at St. John Cemetery.

R36.11 William Wetter was born April 24, 1867, in French Township. He married Emelia Reichert, the daughter of Wilhelm and Christianna Ellmeyer Reichert.

R36.12 Emma Wetter was born on March 3, 1870. She married John W. Gehrig on October 1, 1892.

R37 **Friederich Engeler**[64] was born January 17, 1831, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland. From Charles Joray we find Friederich immigrated to the United States in 1852 and settled in Vera Cruz, IN, in 1858. He married **Rosena Biberstein**, (R43.8)[65] daughter of Benedict and Rosanna Ritter Biberstein (R28.8) on March 7, 1860, in Vera Cruz, IN. Rosena was born in Paint Township, Wayne County, OH, on January 2, 1840. Friederich died May 25, 1898, and Rosena on August 2, 1909.

Friederich/Frederick served as the Justice of the Peace in Newville. He was the co-owner of the woolen mill with William Mertz, Sr. until 1869. He was also a leader in the Reformed Church. [66]

R37.1 Friederich Engeler, Jr. was born April 28, 1860 and died February 15, 1873. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R37.2 Marie E. Engeler was born on October 22, 1861, and married Martin Vitz, the son of Peter Vitz, on February 26, 1882. Maria died on February 22, 1901, while Martin, born on August 15, 1857, died on December 16, 1934.

R37.3 Albert Engeler was born November 2, 1863 and died May 9, 1872.

R37.4 Franklin Engeler was born on December 17, 1865.

R37.5 Emma Engeler was born on December 2, 1867 and died February 26,1889 in Wells County, IN.

R37.6 Karl (Charles) Engeler was born on January 31, 1870.

R37.7 Wilhelm Engeler was born on July 31, 1872.

R37.8 Margaret "Maggie" Engeler was born on October 22, 1874. She married David Meyer on June 15, 1899.

R37.9 Edward Engler born November 18, 1876. He married Hazel Carnes on December 31, 1902.

R37.9 Heinrich Engeler was born on June 11, 1879.

R37.10 Martha Mathilda Engeler was born on March 5, 1881.

R38 **Ulrich Gehrig** [67](Ulrich Garriet) was born September 25, 1825, in Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Catherine Miller**, the daughter of Jacob J. and Catherine (Mertz) Miller on July 30, 1856. Ulrich served as a foot soldier in the civil war in Switzerland in November 1849 and later served in the Civil War in the US under General Sherman.

Evidently there was a divorce as we find a marriage of Ulrich to **Mary Komfer,** nee **Stauffer** in either December 9 of 1871 or 1872. Born in Canton Bern, on June 17, 1829, Mary immigrated to Trenton, Ohio in 1867. She moved to the Berne area with the Augsburgers. Her son Louis, born April 2, 1870 in Ohio, went by the name Gehrig. He married Jennie Bieri.

38.1 Mary Gehrig born November 24. 1858 married Daniel Amstutz, son of Christian and Marian Nussbaum Amstutz, September 28, 1881, in Ohio.

R38.2 Rosa Gehrig was born January 17, 1859, in Linn Grove, Adams County. She married Frank Mosure the son of Johnathan and Elizabeth Krill Mosure, on March 1, 1884, in Vera Cruz.

R38.3 Christina Gehrig was born on November 29, 1861. She married Henry Kuntz on September 18, 1876. Christina practiced medicine in Berne and was known as an excellent diagnostician. She died January 15, 1930.

R38.4 Edward Gehrig was born on January 3, 1863, and died January 10, 1900.

R38.5 Katherine "Katy" Gehrig was born February 7, 1865. She married Swiss born, Ulysses Stauffer, son of Mary (Stauffer) Komfer on November 7, 1886.

R38.6 Bertha Gehrig was born on November 28, 1866, in Vera Cruz. She married Henry Meyer (R6.3) on November 1, 1884.

R38.7 Lizzie Gehrig was born in January 18, 1856. She married Benedict Moser on April 11, 1879, in Decatur.

Peter and Hannah Kohler had four children that came to the Vera Cruz area - Abraham, John P., David, and Anna. Anna Kohler married Christian Meshberger (R8). Their family is listed under that entry.

R39 **Abraham Kohler** was born May 6, 1823 in Canton Bern. He married **Anna Rudy**, daughter of Casper and Verena Rudy, on March 9, 1861, in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. Anna was born March 2, 1825. Abraham came to the US in 1859 and went directly to Wayne County, OH. Phyllis Smith, family historian states that they came to French Township in 1862. Abraham died February 4, 1888/1878, and is buried at the Apostolic Christian Church. It is probable that Anna died Jan 27, 1914.

R39.1 Anna Marie Kohler was born February 2, 1862, in French Township. She married Frederick Beer.

R39.2 Alfred Edward Kohler was born on July 3, 1863, in French Township. He married Mary L. Moser on March 6, 1897, in Vera Cruz.

R39.3 Fred A. Kohler was born on October 8, 1865. He married Mary Moser, on December 7, 1896.

R39.4 Magdalene Kohler was born May 30, 1868. She married Tobias Steffen on October 24, 1889.

R40 **John P. Kohler** was born on Christmas Day 1827 in Canton Bern. He married Mary Ann Steiner about 1855 in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. Mary Ann, born on May 15, 1837, died on February 15, 1890. John died March 13, 1900, in Washington Township, Adams County, IN. They are buried at St. John Cemetery, Vera Cruz, IN. Few of their children reached adulthood.

R40.1 John Kohler born June 11, 1856, died September 14, 1874, in French Township. He is buried at Vera Cruz.

R40.2 Peter Simon Kohler was born on October 6, 1857, in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, OH. He married Martha M. Vitz on April 30, 1885 in Vera Cruz. Peter became a minister.

R40.3 Sevilla Kohler was born on November 18, 1859. She married Herman Sellmeyer on April 17, 1884.

R40.4 Wilhelm Kohler was born on November 4, 1861 and died on June 17, 1868 in French Township. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R40.5 Philipp Kohler was born on February 28, 1864, and died on October 2, 1874. He too is buried at St. John Cemetery

R40.6 Celestine Kohler was born April 11, 1866. She married Heinrich Bauer on June 26. 1890.

R40.7 Calvin Onesim Kohler was born on June 12, 1869. He married Frances Heche on September 27, 1898.

R40.8 Maria Anna Kohler was born on December 12, 1870, and died on April 24, 1897.

R40.9 Josephine Kohler was born on March 20, 1872. She died October 6, 1874. She is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R40.10 Daniel Kohler was born on April 7, 1874, and died January 18, 1875. He is buried at St. John.

R40.11 Edward Kohler was born August 15, 1876 and died two years later on August 16. He is buried in St. John Cemetery.

R41 **David Kohler** was born about 1830 in Switzerland. He married **Louisa Boblet**.[68] (Louisa's maiden name has been spelled many ways.) At David's death Louisa married Peter Zaugg.

R41.1 David Kohler was born December 1860, and is buried at St. John Cemetery

R41.2 Levi Kohler was born August 23, 1861, and died January 28, 1914.

R41.3 William Kohler was born September 12, 1862, and died May 12, 1914.

R42 **Isaac Heche** [69]was born November 13, 1793 in Moutier, Switzerland. [70] He was married to Mary Ann Shaffter who died in 1857. He died January 1880 in the Adams County area.

Isaak, Cecilia, Fridrich/Ferdinand, and Rosina Heche were taken into membership at St. John Reformed Church on May 14, 1861.

R42.1 Cecilia Heche was born November 14, 1830. She died July 25, 1910, in Indiana. She is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R42.2 Elizabeth Heche was born on December 17, 1831. She died March 17, 1895, in Vera Cruz. She is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R42.3 Eugene Heche

R42.4 Ferdinand Heche was born Christmas Eve 1835. He married Caroline Geizell on August 8, 1870, in Wells County, IN.

R42.5 Rosina Heche [71]was born May 15, 1842. She married Louis A. Amiet on January 14, 1869, in Wayne Co., OH.

R43 **Benedict Biberstein**[72] [73]was born in Bözingen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His first wife and two small children died. He then married **Rosanna Ritter** on June 1, 1826, in Wittenbach, Canton St. Gallen, Switzerland. They came to the US in 1833 after the birth of the first five children, and settled into Paint Township, Wayne County, OH. Benedict died August 11, 1864, and is buried at the Mt. Eaton cemetery in Paint Township. Rosanna, born April 12, 1806, died July 6, 1875, in Vera Cruz, and is buried in St. John Cemetery.

R43.1 Jacob Biberstein was born February 10, 1827. He married Maria Ritter on December 18, 1846. Jacob, a hotelkeeper, died October 8, 1861, in Vera Cruz, and is buried in St. John Cemetery. Jacob and Maria were charter members of St. John Church. We have no children listed.

R43.2 Julia Biberstein was born August 10, 1828, in Canton Zurich. She married Jacob Wetter (R36). Family details are given there.

R43.3 Alexander Biberstein was born March 1, 1830, and died on the 28th of March.

R43.4 Ferdinand Biberstein was born on July 16, 1831. He died September 10, 1834, in Wayne County, OH.

R43.5 Rosanna Biberstein was born on March 7, 1833, and died September 10, 1834, in Wayne County, OH.

R43.6 Ferdinand Biberstein was born December 28, 1834 and married Louise Stocker.

R43.7 Alexander Martin Biberstein was born on November 10, 1836. He died February 14, 1854, in Wayne County.

R43.8 Rosina Biberstein was born January 2, 1840. She married Friedrich Engeler (R37) on March 7, 1860, in Vera Cruz. Family information is complete under his entry.

R43.9 Frederick Biberstein was born on January 2, 1840, and died three days later.

R43.10 David Biberstein was born September 2, 1841, and died March 24, 1862, in the Civil War.

R43.11 Maria "Susannah" Biberstein was born on December 19, 1843. She married John Graber on April 9, 1862.

R43.12 Maria "Louise" Biberstein was born July 12, 1845. She married Jacob Flora on August 9, 1869.

R43.13 Emanuel Biberstein born October 6, 1847, married Albertine Bovine (R20.1) on April 20, 1869.

R43.14 William Biberstein was born on May 12, 1850, and married Caroline Magley on July 4, 1870, in Bluffton, Wells County, IN.

R43.15 Lena Biberstein was born May 20, 1852, and married Michael Henneford on June 22, 1873, in Vera Cruz.

R43.16 Phillip Biberstein was born on April 19, 1854. He married Josephine Bertine Sunier (R14.4) on April 16, 1878.

R44 **Ferdinand Biberstein (R43.6)** was born December 28, 1834. As a single man he left Wayne County and came to Vera Cruz, IN. He returned to marry **Louise Stocker** on April 7, 1855, in Wayne County. Louise was the daughter of John Stocker and Anna Smith. She was born November 30, 1836, in Switzerland. In 1857, with their finances a low ebb, they with their two children moved to Vera Cruz. Here Ferdinand was employed as a carpenter. Many homes in Vera Cruz were evidence of his work.

R44.1 Louise Biberstein was born May 1, 1856, in Wayne County and died there in October.

R44.2 William Ferdinand Biberstein was born July 13, 1857, and married Amelia Miller on December 7, 1879. William died March 7, 1937.

R44.3 Lena Biberstine was born February 27, 1860. She married Peter Neuenschwander, son of Ulrich and Elizabeth (Steffen) Neuenschwander, on March 18, 1897.

R44.4 Mary Elizabeth Biberstein was born May 29, 1862. She married John Stocker.

R44.5 Francis Biberstine was born December 6, 1864, at Vera Cruz. She married Edward Neuenschwander on July 9, 1906.

R44.6 John Biberstein was born April 28. 1866.

R44.7 Edward Biberstein was born May 6, 1967. He married Minnie Martz on July 18, 1889.

R44.8 Calvin Biberstein was born March 6, 1870, and died December 30, 1897 in Wells County. He is buried in St. John Cemetery.

R44.9 Ellen Biberstein was born on October 7, 1872, and died October 7, 1878. She is buried in St. John Cemetery.

R44.10 Dula Biberstein was born October 9, 1875, and married Frank Neusbaum, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Neuenschwander) Neusbaum, on September 19, 1901.

R45 **Samuel (Beutler) Beitler**[74] was born in 1825, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Elisabeth Christner** about 1848 in Switzerland. Samuel took part in the war between the states and died during wartime on April 26, 1863. He is buried at Paducah, KY. Elisabeth carried on with six children.

In 1865 the widowed Elisabeth Christner Beitler married **Christian E. (Stucki) Stuckey**. He was born in 1812, in the Canton of Bern. Christian preceded her in death, dying on February 13, 1875. Born to them were Christian E. Stuckey on January 8, 1867, and Fredrick Stuckey in 1869.

Elisabeth's third marriage was to **William Presdorf**. They are buried in unmarked graves at MRE.

R45.1 John Beitler was born February 8, 1849, in Bethleham, Stark County, OH. He married Verena Riff (R35.3) on February 22, 1877 at Vera Cruz.

R45.2 William Beitler was born in 1853 in Ohio, and died in 1875. He is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R45.3 Elizabeth Beitler was born on April 12, 1855. She married Frederic Ellenberger (R25.6) on November 13, 1873. Frederic born on April 7, 1845, died on December 15, 1912. Elizabeth died on Christmas Day 1928. Both are buried at MRE.

R45.4 Magdalena "Lena" Beitler was born on November 13, 1857, in Huntington County, IN. She married Charles Yager on December 15, 1877, in Adams County.

R45.5 Samuel Beitler was born January 2, 1860 in Huntington County. He married Mary K. Wetter (R36.7) on January 8, 1884, in Vera Cruz. Samuel died March 31, 1939, while Mary who was born on July 10, 1858, died February 26, 1947. They are buried at MRE.

R45.6 Lawrence Beitler was born May 9, 1862, in Adams County. He was married three times. His first marriage was to Anna Baumgartner, daughter of Daniel and Maria (Egger) Baumgartner. The marriage of August 9, 1883, ended with Anna's death on October 7, 1908. He married Lydia Nussbaum on November 12, 1910. This marriage ended with Lydia's death on August 7, 1918. Susan Burke wed Lawrence on September 2, 1919.

The Ashbaucher family has yet to be fully connected. The following families are probably related, but without documentation we cannot join them.

R46 **John Ashbaucher** [75]was born February 11/18, 1822, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His wife **Anne Shene,** born July 7, 1819, was also of Eggiwil. In 1863 the family arrived in French Township, Adams County, IN.

R46.1 Elizabeth Aschbaucher was born October 18, 1842, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. She married Daniel Beeler (R11.5)

R46.2 Anna Ashbaucher was born on November 19, 1843. She married Philipp Bauman on December 3, 1861, in Wayne County, OH.

R46.3 Christian E. Aschbacher was born October 15, 1845, in Switzerland. He married Melina Arnold on June 23, 1867, in Wayne County, OH.

R46.4 John Ashbaucher was born in 1847 in Switzerland. He married Melissa Bollinger on April 2, 1868.

R46.5 Rosina Ashbaucher was born on May 19, 1949, in Canton Bern. She married Jacob Moeschberger (R9.3) on September 1, 1889.

R46.6 Matt Ashbaucher was born on August 1, 1850, in Switzerland. He married Elizabeth Beeler (R11.8) on October 31, 1875.

R46.7 Godfrey Ashbaucher was born on February 7, 1854 in Switzerland. He married Meta Saurer (R4.5) on October 4, 1891. Death

ended this marriage on December 3, 1892. Godfrey then married Nora Quick.

R46.8 Fred Ashbaucher was born February 7, 1854 in Switzerland. He died November 18, 1905.

R46.9 Benjamin Ashbaucher was born October 19, 1859, in Orrville, Wayne County, OH. He was a well known photographer and businessman in Bluffton, IN. He married Louisa Saurer (R4.3) on August 10, 1882. This married ended with Louisa's death on March 13, 1900. Ben then married Ida Mae Mast on September 4, 1901.

R46.10 Mary Ashbaucher was born October 8, 1859 in Wayne County, OH. She married Johann C. Baumgartner (M2.9) on December 26, 1878, in Vera Cruz. Johann was born December 7, 1854 and died March 16, 1894. Mary then married Samuel Hocker (R51.5) in 1897.

R47 **Peter Ashbacher** [76] [77]was born about 1816 in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He and his family immigrated to Wayne County, OH, in 1853. His wife, **Maria Steffen** was born about 1818, also of Eggiwil. When their daughter married and moved to Adams County, IN, they moved with her. Other children are suspected, but connections are not proven.

R47.1Susanna Aschbacher was born July 4, 1834, in Eggiwil.

R48. **Susanna Ashbacher**[78] married **Albrecht Frey** in 1856 in Wayne County. Albrecht died in 1864 and is buried in Wayne County. After the death of her first husband, she married **John Yost** (M26.1) on March 16, 1867 in French Township, Adams County, IN. Susanna, an accomplished seamstress, would never speak English. She would understand when spoken to, but would not give up her mother tongue. [79] Susanna died May 19, 1927, in Berne and is buried at St. John Cemetery. Johann died years earlier on October 8, 1893, in Vera Cruz.

R48.1 Joel Frey was born March 31, 1858, in Wayne County. He married Sarah Stauffer (M10.8) on February 22, 1880, in French Township, Adams County, IN.

R48.2 Rosa Yost was born on March 23, 1868 in French Township. She died October 6, 1878.

R48.3 Elias Yost was born on April 15, 1869 and died August 21, 1871.

R48.4 John Yost was born on April 4, 1872. He married Emma Baumgartner on October 16, 1897.

R48.5 Samuel Yost was born on December 25, 1873. He married Emma Klopfenstein on November 17, 1894 in Wells County.

R48.6 Emma Yost was born on March 1, 1879. She married William Reppert on April 14, 1900 in Vera Cruz.

R49 **Peter P. Aeschbacher**[80] [81]was born on Valentine's Day 1852, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came with his father, and relatives to the US and Wayne County, OH, in 1853. (His father, also a Peter, died in 1899. His mother was Katharina Bieri, death date and place unknown.) Peter P. came to Adams County, IN, in 1864. Later in life, he moved with his family to Decatur. Peter married **Marianna Luginbill**, the daughter of Johan and Mary/Maria (Steiner) Luginbill, on September 25, 1875, in Vera Cruz.

R50 **Magdalena Ashbaucher** was born December 26, 1842, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She married **Albert Yager** on December 1, 1867. Yager, born December 19, 1844, was from Meisselbach, Germany. His parents were John Nicholas and Amelia (Jahn) Yager. Magdalena's obituary stated that her father was Peter, and that she was the last survivor of 14 children.

R51 **Stephen Hocker** [82] [83]was born about 1810 in Switzerland. He married **Susanna Wefler**, the daughter of John and Susan (Glaussen) Wefler. The Hocker family first settled in Masillon, OH, then came to French Township. Stephen died about 1872. Susan born February 22, 1824, in Switzerland, died May 11, 1902, in Berne. She is buried at MRE.

R51.1 **Joseph Hocker** was born about 1848 in Ohio. He married **Justine Sunier** (R14.2) on August 30, 1868, in Adams County, IN.

R51.2 **Christian W. Hocker** [84]was born January 5, 1851. He married Lucinda A. Bell on

February 10, 1871. Upon her death, he married Mary I. Hofer on January 10, 1876. Mary was the daughter of Michael Hofer, an early church member who moved to Fall City, Nebraska.

R51.3 **Abraham Hocker** was born October 6, 1856, in Stark County, OH. He married Martha Ellen Martz on September 24, 1882, in Adams County, IN.

R51.4 Frank P. Hocker was born on March 30, 1859, in Vera Cruz, Wells County, IN.

R51.5 Samuel Hocker was born October 24, 1862. He married twice. His first wife was Rachel Cline. In later life he married Mary Aschbaucher (R46.10).

R51.6 Mary Hocker was born May 5, 1862, in Massillon, OH. She married Abraham William Baumgartner (M5.4) on January 13, 1891.

R51.7 Albert Hocker was born about 1867 in Indiana. He died September 6, 1900.

R52 **Oliver Girod**[85] [86]was born in about 1813 in Oberbilt, Switzerland. Wife **Rosina Baumgartner** was born in 1832 in Montrie, Switzerland. They arrived in the US in 1854, on the ship *Metropolitan*, settling first in Allen County, OH. They arrived in Adams County, IN, in the 1870's. They are included in this group because there has been so much interest in the family, particularly among the Amish. Marlene Schaffner of Willshire, OH, a descendant, is currently reading microfilmed church records from Bevilard in researching this family.

Records from St. John show that several of the children were confirmed there, and that Oliver who died December 23, 1886, and Rosina who died March 22, 1879, are buried at St. John Cemetery.

R52.1 Emaline Girod [87] was born November 5, 1852, in Switzerland. She married Joseph Graber about 1876 in Adams County, IN. Joseph was a member of the Amish Church. Joseph, was born March 29, 1851, died on December 8, 1929. Emaline died on April 22, 1937. They are buried in the Schwartz cemetery in Monroe Township.

R52.2 Adel Girod was born on December 12, 1853, in Chaluet, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Adel married Johann Ryf (R35.1) on March 8, 1879, in Vera Cruz.

R52.3 Eugene Girod was born May 7, 1855 in Ohio. He married Elizabeth Laisure.

R52.4 Peter Girod was born August 2, 1856, in Allen County, OH. He married Louise Allman on November 27, 1880.

R52.5 Louis Girod was born on January 22, 1858 in Bluffton, Allen County, OH. He married Lina Riff, (R35.7) on January 21, 1882, in Vera Cruz..

R52.6 Maria Girod was born on May 25, 1859, and died September 17, 1881. She is buried at St. John Cemetery.

R52.7 Caroline Girod was born in 1860. She married Fred Nicolet on August 8, 1885.

R52.8 Henry Girod was born in 1862. He married Sadie Laisure on December 5, 1885.

R52.9 August Girod was born June 23, 1864 in Beaverdam, Allen County, OH. He married Cecile Marie Brunner.

R52.10 John Girod was born in 1866. He married Anna Musser on December 3, 1890.

R52.11 Sarah Girod was born on 1869. She married Numa Jennert on March 7, 1891.

R52.12 Josephine Girod was born on April 13, 1871, and died on April 2, 1873. She is buried at St. John Cemetery.

ENDNOTES

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[2]A History of Wayne County History Book Committee, c 1987m page 51.

[3] It is unfortunate that the church and church records of this congregation were destroyed by fire in recent years.

[4]Centennial Souvenir: The St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church, Vera Cruz, Indiana 1849-1949, page 11

[5] Microfilm copies of these church records are available at the Heritage Room of the Berne Public Library. Photocopies and some translations of the records have been made also.

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[10] St John Reformed Membership List, page 13.

[11] Records for the Saurer family have been reconstructed by Ruth Gottschalk from family, court, and church records.

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[13] Research of the Moeschberger Family by Ruth Gottschalk

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[22] Some Descendants of Jacob Fuchs of Baden, Germany by Mary Kathryn Cremean Monesmith, c1993, page 3.

[23] Benedict Biberstine-David Bovine Family Record 1571 - 1962, Nora Pace Biberstine, page 29

[24] Some Descendants of Jacob Fuchs of Baden, Germany by Mary Kathryn Cremean Monesmith, c 1993, pages 1-3

[25] Familien Register, Samuel Lehman, p. 336

[26] ACIDRI page 624

[27] Fox History, Mary K.C. Monesmith, 1993. Pages 37, 40, 45, 46, 47

[28] From These Roots: The American Ancestors of Charles N. Joray, compiled by Charles N. Joray, pages 53, 56,

[29] Research of Ruth Gottschalk.

[30] 1860 French Township, Adams County, IN Census, page 186.

[31] St. John United Church of Christ Record Book A, page 200. The records also show that Valentine and sister Elisabeth were confirmed there in 1858.

[32] Adams County Witness, March 12, 1923, page 1, obituary.

[33] Berne Witness, December 16, 1912 obituary.

[34] Sprunger Family, Willis Herr, 1975 pages 36-37.

[35] Klein Tschampo, Amt. Münster, Canton Bern

[36] Rüderswil, Canton Bern, Switzerland records Vol.3, p. 261. In the Tauf Rodel p.21.

[37] Sprunger Family, Willis Herr, 1975, p.36.

[38] Phyllis Speicher and the Surena Marhenke collection

[39] Zivilstandsamt Amsoldingen in a reply to Mrs. Maichael Rauner, 1983

[40] Berne Witness, January 29, 1918, obituary.

[41] Snow's History of Adams County, J.F. Snow, c 1907, pages 382-383.

[42] Transcript of Certificates of Death for Adams Co., IN Oct. 1901 - Sept. 1902

[43] Standard History of Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana, John W. Tyndall, and O. E. Lesh, c1918, page 584.

[44] Research by Ruth Gottschalk

[45] Records of Wilbur Smith, Jr.

[46] Berne Witness, October 30, 1916, obituary

[47] Family Record.

[48] 1860 French Township, Adams County, IN Census.

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[50] Family Records of Lola Gould.

[51] Personal History of Daniel Burghalter, D. D., written in 1934.

[52] Research of Ruth Gottschalk.

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[59]Sylvan Nussbaum, Nussbaum Family, c 1964, p. 128.

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[61] Ardena Burke

[62] From These Roots: American Ancestors of Charles N. Joray. Charles N. Joray. pgs 86, 91

[63] Benedict Biberstine - David Bovine Family Record 1571 - 1962, Nora Pace Biberstine, compiler, p. 22.

[64] From These Roots: American Ancestors of Charles N. Joray. Charles N. Joray. pgs 86.

[65] Benedict Biberstine - David Bovine, Nora Pace Biberstine, p. 26.

[66] Research of Ruth Gottschalk.

[67] Research of Ruth Gottschalk including all the obituaries.

[68] Phyllis Hackenjos Smith.

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[70] Bluffton Chronicle January 24, 1880, page 3 column 4

[71] The Story of Jean Louis and Sophia Saucy Amiet, Their Journey from Switzerland to America in 1858 - and their family to 1983: Pages 25-26

[72] Charles and Peggy Joray, Kokomo, IN.

[73] Benedict Biberstine - David Bovine, Nora Pace Biberstine, compiler, p.22.

[7474] Research of Ruth Gottschalk

[75] Research of Ruth Gottschalk.

[76] Phyllis Speicher

[77] Nicklous Steffen, His Wife Elizabeth Pfister Their Children who Married into the Ashbaucher, Strahm, Neuenschwander, Lehman Conrad, and Amstutz Families, Electa I. Baltzell Lochner, c 1973. p4.

[78] Familien Register, Samuel Lehman, p.155, 270.

[79] Amy O'Hara, descendant

[80] Familien Register, Samuel Lehman, p133, 233, 852,854.

[81] Phyllis Speicher.

[82] Biographical and Historical Record of Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana. c1887, p. 424.

[83] Jane Hunter Hodgson via internet

[84] Biographical and Historical Record. p 424.

[85] Research of Ruth Gottshalk using Reformed Church records

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Chapter 5
The Mennonites 1852 – 1862

The 1852 Immigration

Mennonites who came to the United States and then to Adams and Wells Counties in Indiana during the 1840s were largely from the Sonnenberg area of the Jura of Canton Bern. In 1852 a group of 70 left the region of the Munsterberg in the Jura of Canton Bern, Switzerland to come to the United States. Forty persons of this group came to south Adams and Wells Counties of Indiana at various times after first going to the Sonnenberg community of Wayne County, Ohio where they met relatives and friends they had not seen for up to a dozen years.

Those who arrived during the previous decade wrote letters to their relatives extolling the merits of moving and the opportunities that were available to those willing to undertake the long, tedious journey. Making the decision to leave the community that had been their home for a hundred and fifty years was not done easily, especially since they would be going to a primeval woodland to chop, saw and carve out a home and farm. Then, too, there were family and friends who would be left behind, never to be seen again. They had a gut wrenching decision to make.

The difficulty of making a living on the mountains where they lived, the lack of opportunity for their children to find land on which to farm and make a home, plus their inability to find land to purchase, provided the motivation to pull up roots and go to a new land that provided the solution to these almost unsolvable problems. While the intolerance of the Swiss government toward the Anabaptists had moderated due to the influence of the French Revolution, the fear that came from living under the threat of expulsion, and the lack of acceptance on the part of the native added to their thirst for a change. To make a new start in a land where they would be on equal footing with other immigrants was very appealing. Making the decision in concert with extended family members gave them the courage to decide to make the move.

It is not known who took the leadership in contacting the emigration bureau of Steinmann-Drevet in Basel. When it was learned that they could pay their passage tickets in installments, the price of which was 190 francs for the trip from Basel to New York, they were soon able to get passage booked on the ship Hahnemann for a total of 82 persons. After selling all their livestock, their farming and household equipment, they packed whatever items they could into trunks, chests and barrels and prepared to leave.

After making the last round of farewells, they must have had their relatives and friends who were not making the move, assist in taking them and their baggage to Basel where they were to board a train. There they departed in two groups. The first left group left Basel on March 10, 1852 and the second group on March 12. From Basel they took a train north to Strasbourg and then

west to Saarbourg. Here they had to take stage coaches to Commercy, a distance of a hundred and twenty miles. Fom Commercy they again took a train to Le Havre, passing through Paris and Rouen. After three days of waiting in Le Havre, on March 19, they boarded the sailing ship Hahnemann, and at noon they set sail. It took forty-one days for the ship to make it to New York. Adverse winds, and lack of wind, along with stormy weather, made the trip difficult. It took until 5:00 in the afternoon of April 28 for them to step on land again. During the voyage, five children died and were buried at sea. Three of them were from the Swiss families. Johannes and Barbara (Lehman) Sprunger lost their youngest son, Peter, and Abraham and Katharina (Zingg) Sprunger lost two children, Nikalaus and Elisabeth. These families surely felt they paid a high price for making the trip.

After a night in New York they took a steamer going north up the Hudson River to Albany. There they boarded a train to go west across the state to Buffalo, New York.[1] In Buffalo they boarded a steamer that took them across Lake Erie[2] to Cleveland, Ohio. When they landed in Cleveland, they put most of their baggage in storage. It was not clear to them just what would be their final destination, and they knew they could depend on their relatives to assist them once it was determined where their homes would be. From Cleveland they traveled the 50 miles south to Massillon and from there sent messengers to the Sonnenberg community that they had arrived. Before long relatives arrived with wagons to bring the group to their homes. One can imagine their joy at being united with families who had left Switzerland up to some twenty years earlier. Zurfluh wrote that it had taken them two months to travel from the Munsterberg in Canton Bern, Switzerland to the community of Sonnenberg, in Wayne County, Ohio. They arrived on May 7, 1852.

Initially they hoped to settle among their relatives and friends in Wayne County, but they soon learned that there was almost no land for sale, and what was available had appreciated considerably in value. They were told about land in Adams County, Indiana where they could still purchase acreage at a very reasonable price. Those who were eager to begin making a home soon were making plans to move on. After just a few weeks three couples purchased horses or oxen, wagons, cows, and farm equipment in preparation for the journey. The possessions they had brought with them from Switzerland and stored in Cleveland were shipped by canal to Fort Wayne. It did not take long before they were ready for the final 200 miles they needed to travel to get to their new location. It was June 22, 1852 when the first of the group arrived.

Making a Home in Adams County, Indiana

Those who arrived in Adams County, Indiana in 1852 did not have it any easier than did those who had made this community their home during the previous ten years. Some of them were able to purchase land, likely for a little higher price, that had some land cleared and a house of some kind. The family of minister Peter S. Lehman seems to have had trials beyond what some others experienced. He wrote of his family's experiences when he was seventy-five years of age. We begin his account with their arrival in the Sonnenberg community in Wayne County, Ohio.

> *The dear brothers at Sonnenberg were so friendly and with many wagons came to get us in Massilon* (Ohio). *Living there* (in Wayne County) *were many people, probably 70 families, if not more. There we indeed found brotherly love and kindness in abundance. I and my wife and our two children, Anna and Marianna, were taken in by cousin Abraham Tschantz. Here we stayed only about two weeks because the land here was already very expensive and was beyond our means. Our intention was to make our home close to here if possible. Therefore we had to go into the uncut forest* (of Adams County, Indiana) *in order to bring this about.*
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> *From Sonnenberg several families, including us, came to Putnam* (County, Ohio). *As at Sonnenberg, the brothers and sisters were dressed in the Mennonite costume. There were no wagons nor carts near the cluster of houses here, everyone went on foot, both young and old. We left our family with these dear brothers and sisters and about five of us went on foot to get land for a large settlement. Our*

intention was fulfilled. We were not disgraced.

Nearby (to where we purchased land in Adams County, Indiana) *there were already several Mennonite families, where now this little city of Berne is: Christian Steiner, Christian Stauffer, David Stauffer, Peter Luginbuhl, Johann Luginbuhl, and Abraham Habegger. These people had to go seven or eight miles to church services in a school house. There the Baumgartner community was, and the Emmentaler joined the Baumgartner group.*

Now I will continue where I left off. I bought a piece of land, 160 acres. About 20 of the acres were cleared. Peter and Johann Luginbuhl were so friendly and promised to get us in Putnam. We went back by foot (about 80 miles). *And soon after our return the brothers Luginbuhl came with their wagon. After a short visit, which they paid to their friends, we packed up and started for Indiana. There were three families, Christian Lehmans, Christian Schneggs, and us - six adults and three children. We did not have to drive our teams hard. We had sent our baggage from Ohio on the canal to Fort Wayne, Indiana, but the way from Putnam to Adams County, Indiana was so wild - one has to see it to believe it. Then, after a very difficult trip, we arrived in this wilderness.*

After a short stay with Peter Luginbuhl we moved to our land. There were two tiny log cabins, very poor. One would have pitied chickens if they did not have a warmer house in the winter. I said we could not live long in such a hut, for soon I will make a better one - but we were in this little house for several years.

*In the fall of this year I became ill with malaria and could not do any work for a long time. When I got well, I taught school at the (*John) *Richers during the winter. In the summer I worked on the land. In July 1852 I was called into the lot with Christian Baumgartner and Matthias Strahm for the position of Elder. I was selected, the youngest one in years and experience. The old bishop David Baumgartner ordained me into the office. Ulrich Kipfer and Ulrich Steiner from Putnam were participants. All of these people who participated in the ... lot are long dead.*

In late 1853 I became ill with dropsy and lay in bed helpless. What a life in that miserable little hut. And what a winter for my dear wife, caring for me day and night with two children. And on top of that, she gave birth to little Rachel on November 10, 1853. That was a difficult time for my wife. After several weeks I got better. After I drank sassafras tea for several days, I recovered quickly.

In the winter of 1854 I had the misfortune of breaking my right leg while helping my neighbor Peter Steffen build his house. Then I was chained to the bed again for several weeks. Up until then the plan of building a house was thwarted. After about five years, between the attacks of malaria, there were so many better days that with great effort a covered log house could be constructed. At that time Mama also had a difficult struggle with malaria - for about ten months. That Mama is lame from pain in her limbs is no wonder. Many could not have endured what she suffered through.[3]

The Arrival of the Emmentalers

A year earlier than the arrival of those from the Munsterberg, a group of forty-two persons left the Emmental community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland for the United States. They set sail on Easter Sunday, April 20, 1851 from Le Havre on the ship *Robert Center* and arrived in New York on May 24, 1851. Two families in the group were the *Taufer* (Mennonite) ministers **Ulrich Kipfer (II)** and **Matthias Strahm (II)**. They first went to Ohio and after a year arrived in Adams County in March 1852, less than three months before those from the Munsterberg. Both Ulrich and Matthias were born and grew up in the community of Langnau in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland. Ulrich's father, Ulrich Kipfer (I), was the Elder of the *Taufer* (now called Mennonite) congregation in Langnau and his mother was Anna Gerber. Ulrich Kipfer (II) was also selected to serve as a minister in the Langnau congregation, and then later was chosen to serve

as an Elder along with his father. There is no known record of the dates when these occurred. Since the *Taufer* congregation customarily had several men chosen to preach to the congregation, Matthias Strahm II had also been selected to serve in this role as well.

Matthias Strahm II was only four years of age when his parents became Taufer, so he was reared in this faith. Though he had been baptized as an infant on January 1, 1815[4], in the Reformed Church in Langnau, he would have been baptized upon his own confession of faith prior to marrying Magdalina Kipfer, the daughter of Christen and Anna (Kipfer) Kipfer who were also *Taufer*. Upon their arrival in Wells County, Indiana, Ulrich and Matthias were welcomed into the Baumgartner congregation and they began to serve along with David Baumgartner and his son Christian.

Matthias's parents, Matthias and Anna Barbara (Rothlisberger) Strahm I, with ten of their thirteen children, some of whom were married, were part of the group of forty-two who came together to the United States. After half a dozen years all but a few of the families withdrew from Baumgartner Mennonite Church to form the Apostolic Christian Church. Some may have been affiliated with this group (*Neutaufer*) while in Switzerland. Then several years later a number of these growing families moved to Nemaha County, Kansas where a sizeable Apostolic community developed.

When Kipfer and Strahm arrived in the United States with their families on May 3, 1851, after some forty days on the water, they were not content to settle down in any community until they had considered the options for a new home in various states of the West for themselves. Leaving their families in Wayne County, Ohio, they made an extensive survey, traveling in a large loop through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Having known oppression as Anabaptists in Switzerland, it did not take them long to rule out the last two states that permitted the ownership of slaves. Arkansas was eliminated due to the prevalence of Yellow Fever. It is not known what all entered into their decision to settle in Adams County, but it could have been the presence of the Baumgartner family whom they had known while in Switzerland. David Baumgartner, along with three other ministers, had visited the congregation in Langnau when they were struggling to find a way to hold the church together following the visit of Samuel Fröhlich in September 1832. In any case, their decision was to have wide ramifications in subsequent years.

Ministers in the Munsterberg Congregation

Arriving with the group from the Munsterberg was the young minister, Peter S. Lehman, age 30. He had been chosen to serve as a preacher in the Jura in July 1848, so came with four years of experience. He was also accepted by the Baumgartner congregation as a fellow minister. With the arrival of a number of families from the Munsterberg, the congregation was now too scattered and too large to fit into the small homes or barns as one congregation, so a new congregation, that became known as the Munsterberg congregation, was formed with Peter S. Lehman as the minister. Peter S., however, was not an Elder, so in July 1853 a service was held in the Baumgartner congregation to select an Elder by lot. Peter S. Lehman has already told of this experience above. The fact that all three ministers were in the lot indicates that the Mennonites considered themselves a united group. Ulrich Kipfer (II) became the leading Elder in the Baumgartner congregation following the death of David Baumgartner on November 3, 1853.

Each year saw additional *Taufer* (Mennonites) from the Jura coming to Adams County. Because of the increase in number, it was decided, another person should be selected by lot to serve as a minister in the Munsterberg congregation. On April 13, 1856, nominations were made at a meeting held in the home of John J. Sprunger for a preacher (*Prediger zum Buch*). Nominated were: Christian P. Sprunger, Peter S. Sprunger, Ulrich Amstutz, Peter (Pit) Sprunger, Christian Schenk, Christian L. Lehman, Johan J. Sprunger and Christian Sprunger. The lot was drawn by Christian Sprunger. Ulrich Kipfer II, as the leading Elder in the community, then proceeded with the ordination service.

Peter S. Lehman's family, along with a number of others, left Berne for Hickory County, Missouri in the spring of 1868. Prior to his

leaving it was decided to select an Elder to replace him from the ministers who were serving. In the lot with Christian Sprunger was Peter Habegger. Peter and Elisabeth Baumgartner Habegger had arrived from the Jura with their four children on May 11, 1865. He had been selected by lot to serve as a minister in Switzerland so was recognized as a minister in the Munsterberg congregation. The lot was held on March 17, 1868 and Christian Sprunger was chosen. Peter S. Lehman ordained him.

The Munsterberg congregation decided they should have three ministers to serve the growing numbers, so on August 23, 1868 the lot was used again. There were seventeen persons nominated and out of this group Samuel F. Sprunger picked up the book which indicated he was chosen. Christian Sprunger ordained him into the ministry as a preacher (prediger).

Though a sincere and devout person, Christian Sprunger was not a strong leader. By nature he was a timid, conservative person who accepted his role, but manifested his uneasiness while preaching by swaying back and forth, grasping the railing in front of him so tightly that he wore a grove in it. During his years of service he made no changes in the form of worship, or in the church organization.[5] Because of his convictions, he would have been opposed to Samuel F. Sprunger attending the Mennonite Seminary in Wadsworth, Ohio after he was selected by lot to serve along with him. When Samuel F. returned, the church divided with the more conservative group staying with Christian Sprunger and Peter Habegger, and the more youthful and progressive going with Samuel F. Their services alternated every other Sunday.

Church Buildings

As the Baumgartner and Munsterberg congregations were growing in size from the continuing arrival of immigrants and the growth in the number of children, both Mennonite congregations decided that it was time to erect a building that could hold those who wanted to gather together for worship. This was a fairly radical new step, for it would have been possible for them to divide into more congregations so that they could continue to worship in their homes, as was being done in Switzerland and as the Amish continued to do.

For many years the Anabaptists in Europe had been prohibited by the state from erecting any houses of worship, as they did not want any competition to the state church. There were no meeting houses in Switzerland for the *Taufer* by the time the group left in 1852. But those who came from Switzerland had already made the move to erect buildings for worship. The Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Wayne County, Ohio erected their first building in 1834 when there were about forty families in the area. Those who arrived in 1852 would have seen the building, and possibly worshiped in it prior to coming to Adams County. Then in 1846, the Mennonites of Putnam and Allen Counties, Ohio erected their first church building.

The group under the leadership of Peter S. Lehman was the first to decide to erect a house of worship. The decision was made in 1855 and some work was started. It took until 1858 before it was completed enough to be used. It still needed to be plastered and this was done in 1860. The Baumgartner church may have been stimulated by the Munsterberg group as they also had a building erected and ready for use by 1860. Today this building stands in the Swiss Heritage Village in Berne as a memorial to the faith of those who first came to Adams and Wells counties.

The one built by the Munsterberg congregation was located just north of the present day building. There a cemetery was started and it became the place for those who died to be buried.. Some time after the larger MRE (Mennonite Reformed and Evangelical) Cemetery, located east of Berne, was started some of the bodies were transferred.

The practical-minded Swiss in Canton Bern, Switzerland have not generally considered burial grounds as consecrated. In some places when a plot of ground is filled with graves, all markers are removed and the land is used again by the farmers. So it is not surprising that when the first church building was no longer needed that the ground was sold and subsequently a gas station was erected. The ground over the remaining graves was paved for a parking lot. Currently the land has been officially recognized by the state as a historic cemetery and plans are to make the

ground into a public memorial to the early pioneers.

The German Reformed Church at Newville (Vera Cruz) came to Wells County with a tradition of having church buildings for centuries while living in Switzerland. Thus it was just a matter of time until they had the number of people, and the time to erect a house of worship. Their first building was erected under the leadership of the Rev. Frederick W. Dechant in 1858.

First Church Conference

Though the Mennonites who came to Adams and Wells Counties were quite far removed from those in Ohio, they continued to keep in touch with each other. They were related to each other by both ties of blood and of faith, so the ministers must have had occasional correspondence to maintain their bonds. It is not known just who initiated a meeting of the ministers of these congregations, but they came together on November 1, 1856 at the home of deacon Abraham Tschantz in the Sonnenberg community. All of the ordained men from the Sonnenberg were present. Attending from Adams County were the Elders Ulrich Kipfer II and Peter S. Lehman, representing the Baumgartner and the Munsterberg congregations, along with Matthias Strahm. From the Chippewa community in Wayne County were Elder John Steiner, ministers Christian (Big Christ) Steiner, Christian B. Steiner, and Deacon Ulrich Amstutz. Elder Christain Suter was the only one to attend from Putnam County, Ohio.

James O. Lehman wrote this about this meeting: "Little is known of their discussion. They met to investigate how each congregation was faring in promulgating the historic faith of the church and its rules and regulations. They met in peace, felt it was a worthwhile meeting, and parted again in peace. Undoubtedly, it was a real source of encouragement and strengthening for these ordained men. Unfortunately, they kept no detailed record of their conference."[6]

The Baumgartner Church Divides

In the death of Elder David Baumgartner on November 3, 1853, the congregation lost a distinguished spiritual leader. For a variety of reasons the congregation went through difficult times. Living in a country where freedom of religion was upheld, there were forces at work that disrupted the status quo of the previous decade. There were various itinerant preachers who came through the area seeking converts. Pamphlets were available presenting their views. These ideas seem to have increased the diversity within the congregations.

Earlier mention was made of the fact that Samuel Baumgartner, a son of Elder David, and his wife Verena left the Mennonite church following his father's death and united with the Evangelical church. Ministers from this denomination had been aggressively working to attract more members. It is clear from the accounts of the life of Samuel that he desired and expressed much more outward fervor and emotion than the Mennonite church could nurture. It appears that they were the only family that left the Mennonite church to unite with the Evangelicals at this time. In subsequent decades, a few more moved into this denomination as well as the Reformed Church.

At this same time, Christian Baumgartner, the older brother of Samuel, relinquished his role as a minister. It is not known what all went into that decision. The fact that he was not chosen by lot to succeed his father as Elder, and the departure of his brother, may have been contributing factors. Though he stepped back from preaching, he was not willing to forsake the church he had been serving.

In 1858 a major disruption occurred in the Baumgartner church when the group from the Emmental broke away from the Baumgartner congregation to form a new church. This story is recounted in chapter 7.

To fault the Mennonite leadership for not being able to hold everyone together is probably too strong a judgement. Many elements entered into members' responses, thus a simplistic judgment about cause and effect does not seem to do justice to the complexity of their situation. When those leaving expressed pride in their emphases, they did not do justice to the fact that devout Christians can have differing points of view. The richness and depth of one's relationship to God through Christ cannot be measured by outward manifestations of emotion

nor by any proscribed ritual. Rather, one should look at the moral sensitivity that is expressed, and the quality of relationships maintained with all people, as the fruit of the Spirit.

Greatly reduced in number by the departure of the Emmentalers, the Baumgartner church continued under the leadership of Elder Ulrich Kipfer II as the only minister of this congregation. He may have made use of the young Elder, Peter S. Lehman, and minister Christian Sprunger. It was not until June 25, 1865, as Ulrich was weakening with age, that Christian Augsburger was chosen by lot to serve as a minister (*Lehrer zum Buch*) along with Ulrich Kipfer in the Baumgartner church. Those nominated in addition to Christian Augsburger were Peter Bichsel, Peter A. Steiner, Johann Stauffer, and Johann Bichsel.

After Ulrich Kipfer's death on March 12, 1866, Christian Baumgartner was again willing to resume a ministerial role so permitted his name to be in the lot for an Elder. In the lot with him on October 21, 1866 was Christian Augsburger. Baumgartner picked up the book that indicated he was selected to serve as Elder of this congregation. He was ordained to this position by Elder Johann Moser, of the Putnam and Allen counties, Ohio congregation.

Those Who Arrived in 1852 and After

M27 **Ulrich Kipfer** II, born Aug. 17, 1805 on the farm Rheingut, near Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died March 5, 1866 in Adams County, Indiana.[7] He was married July 7, 1827 in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland to **Katharina Aeschliman**, born July 14, 1807 at Ausem Grath, Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died May 9, 1883, near Berne, Indiana. They arrived in the United States on May 24, 1851 on the ship *Robert Center*. They made their way to Wayne County, Ohio and stayed there for ten months. Coming to Adams County in March 1852, they settled in French Township. All but one of their children were born on the farm where he was born in Switzerland. Three had died in infancy, so five came with their parents to Adams County. In 1860 the parents and three children were living in Wells County, and his net worth was $1,250. His son Ulrich III had the farm in French Township, Adams County. Ulrich died March 12, 1805 and Katharina on May 9, 1883. They are buried in the Saint John UCC Cemetery, Wells County, Ohio.

M27.1 Anna Kipfer, born June 22, 1828, died July 9, 1828 in Switzerland.

M27.2 Ulrich Kipfer (III), born July 28, 1829, married Katharina (Trina) Zimmerli, who died in 1855. He then married Katharina Gerber on August 10, 1855, and finally Maria Trittenbach. He left the Mennonite Church and helped form the Apostolic Christian Church in 1858.

M27.3 Anna Barbara Kipfer, born February 12, 1832 married Ulrich Schwarz on June 8, 1855. Her father officiated at their wedding. They united with the Apostolic Christian Church.

M27.4 Katharina Kipfer, born November 6, 1834, died June 9, 1839 in Switzerland.

M27.5 Johann (John) Kipfer, born April 7, 1837, married Magdalena Hofstetter on October 7, 1865 in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. Magdalena was a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, and Christian Sommer officiated at their marriage. It appears that John and Magdalena united with the Apostolic Christian Church along with his brother Ulrich for Magdalena was buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Following her death on May 11, 1884 he married Rachel Steffen on July 6, 1886. Rachel was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, and the preacher Joseph Bella officiated.

M27.6 Peter Kipfer, born April 25, 1840, married Nellie Howenstein. They settled and died in Tennessee.

M27.7 Christian Kipfer, born May 12, 1843, died March 9, 1846, in Switzerland.

M27.8 Elisabeth Kipfer, born December 23, 1846, married Peter J. Lehman on November 24, 1866. Her father had died in March so Elder Peter S. Lehman officiated.

M27.9 Albertina Kipfer, was born January 4, 1851 and married Peter Mazelin on October 19, 1872. They eventually affiliated with the Amish Christian Church. Her name is given as Catherine in the 1860 census.

M28 AC1 **Matthias Strahm I**, was baptized July 3, 1785 in the Reformed Church in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland.[8] His father, Ullrich Strahm was the judge of the consistory court in

Langnau, and the alms administrator. His mother was Barbara Schwartz. He married **Anna Barbara Rothlisberger** on March 18, 1808, in Langnau. She was born March 5, 1786, in Langnau, and was baptized on July 5, 1786, in the Reformed Church. They had their first five children baptized as infants before they left the Reformed Church and united with the *Taufer*. They came to the United States with their children and their families on the same ship as the Kipfer family, and arrived in Adams County in March 1852. Since they eventually joined the Apostolic Christian Church, we give limited information here on the family.

AC1.1 Barbara Strahm was born April 21, 1809, and baptized May 7, 1809, in Langnau.

AC1.2 Ulrich Strahm was born November 8, 1810.

AC1.3 Maria Ann Strahm was born July 12, 1812.

AC1.4 Mathias Strahm II was born December 21, 1814.

AC1.5 Katharina Strahm was born June 23, 1817.

AC1.6 Verena Strahm was born June 22, 1819.

AC1.7 Peter Strahm, was born March 21, 1821.

AC1.8 Elisabeth Strahm was born September 13, 1822.

AC1.9 Magdalena (Anna) Strahm was born April 20, 1824.

AC1.10 Anna Barbara Strahm was born November 24, 1825.

AC1 11 Christina Strahm was born January 16, 1828.

AC1.12 Christian Strahm was born September 12, 1829.

AC1.13 Anna Lisa Strahm was born June 17, 1831.

M29 AC5 **Mathias Strahm II,** (AC1.4) was born December 21, 1814[9] in the community of Langnau, Switzerland, and was baptized in the Reformed Church on January 1, 1815. His parents were not *Taufer* until after he was born. He married **Magdalena Kipfer** on February 3, 1843, the daughter of Christian Kipfer and Anna Kipfer. The *Taufer* Elder Ulrich Steiner officiated. She and her parents were *Taufer* (Mennonite), so he likely was baptized upon his confession of faith and united with this group some time prior to his marriage. Subsequently he was chosen by lot to serve as a preacher within this church. Coming to Adams County, he served as one of the ministers in the Baumgartner church. In 1858 he left the Mennonites and helped start an Apostolic Christian Church in Wells County. In 1870 he and part of the family moved to Bern, Kansas. He died June 27, 1875 and is buried in the Strahm Cemetery in Nemaha County, Kansas. In 1860 his net worth was $4,700.

AC5.1 Christian Strahm, born August 22, 1845 at Brummatt, Langnau, Switzerland.

AC5.2 daughter Strahm, born in 1846, died on the boat coming to America and was buried at sea.

AC5.3 Mathias Strahm, born February 10, 1847, married Mary Lehman on March 15, 1887.

AC5.4 Ulrich Strahm, born 1849, married Elizabeth Marti on February 12, 1880.

AC5.5 John Strahm, born 1851, married Lena Wittmer in January 1877.

AC5.6 Tobias Strahm, born 1858, married Lydia Hartman about 1881. After her death he married Mary Rinkenberger on November 27, 1898 in Bern, Kansas.

AC5.7 Lesetta Strahm, born about 1861, died about 1872.

AC5.8 Joseph Strahm, born in1863, married Clara Bird on November 27, 1883.

AC5.9 Theophelis M. Strahm, born in1864, married Marie Rossier on October 8, 1885.

Two Lehman Families[10]

Two Lehman families figure prominently in the 1852 emigration to Adams County, Indiana. Interestingly they were children of two men both named Peter Lehman, for whom no relationship has been found. To distinguish them we will label one Peter (A) Lehman, and the other Peter (B) Lehman. The Lehman families originally lived in community of Langnau in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland. They were among the Anabaptists who were persecuted and expelled from the Canton in the 1700s. They then settled on the Jura mountains in the Bishopric of Basel. Following the French Revolution, this territory was made a part of Canton Bern. In the 1500s the name was spelled Leemann. When

surnames began to be used, quite a few were identified by the name of the farm on which they lived. A family lived on a farm on the outskirts of Langnau known as Leen, meaning slope. So the man was identified as the Leenmann or Leemann. Later it began to be spelled Lehmann. Some of these families dropped one n at the end of their name. The son of one Peter Lehman arrived in the United States in 1842, prior to the group of 40 who came to Adams County in June 1852. Thus, we will treat this family first.

The Peter (A) Lehman Family

Peter (A) Lehman was born March 14, 1782 in the community of Courgemont, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Anna Fuhrimann**, of Oeschenbach, Canton Rohrbach, Switzerland on August 15, 1820. She was born February 29, 1788. He leased the farm La Rochette, which is east of Tramelan, Canton Bern, Switzerland and here their children were born. Anna's father owned a Froschauer Bible, which the Anabaptists favored. In it he wrote the names of his children and the dates of their births. The dates of death of Peter and Anna are not known.

1. Christian B. Lehman born September 1, 1820, married Anna Sprunger January 4, 1847.

2. Abraham Lehman born March 17, 1822, married Barbara Zürcher January 31, 1852, just prior to leaving for the United States.

3. Peter Lehman (M28) born September 21, 1824, married Lydia Moser on March 14, 1850, in Allen County, Ohio. He came to the United States as a single man in 1842.

4. Anna Lehman born February 23, 1825, married Christian P. Neuenschwander on October 26, 1844.

5. Jakob Lehman (M49), born June 8, 1828, married Elisabeth Ramseier on February 12, 1853.

The Peter (B) Lehmann Family

Peter (B) Lehmann was born January 16, 1780 on the farm Jean Faivre, in the community of Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married twice, first to **Katharina Tschantz**, born about 1782. She died August 19, 1826. He then married **Barbara Sprunger** on March 14, 1828. She was born November 12, 1799, and died September 6, 1879. Listed here are the children who came to America, and whose grandchildren came a little later. Peter Lehman moved a number of times, renting farms that could more adequately meet his growing family's needs. The family was first at Sant Peter, France, then at Steinboden, Buchwald, and Mung, in Switzerland. He was in the lot for a preacher and later as a Deacon, but was not chosen. He died on the farm Sous le Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland which he had purchased in 1833.

1. Christian A. Lehmann (M30), born November 23, 1810, married Magdalena Schnegg in March 1833.

2. Barbara Lehmann born February 4, 1812, married Johann J. Sprunger November 4, 1848.

3. Katharina Lehmann born August 17, 1814, first married Johannes Baumgartner on June 27, 1837. Following his death June 6, 1851, she came to the United States with her children. Here she married the widower minister Christian Baumgartner (M2) on December 2, 1852.

4. Elisabeth Lehmann born August 17, 1814, married (M31) Christian Schneck on March 17, 1834.

5. Peter S. Lehman (M29) born November 17, 1821, married Verena Sprunger on November 7, 1846. He was a minister when he arrived in Adams County, Indiana in1852.

6. Marianna Lehman born August 12, 1825, married Christian Sprunger June 3, 1852.

7. Elisabeth Lehman born January 27, 1829, married Peter Habegger November 7, 1846. They came to the United States to Adams County, Indiana in 1876.

8. Abraham M. Lehman born January 16, 1836, married Marianna Neukomm on February 20, 1858. Following her death on November 23, 1894, he married Katharina Sommer June 26, 1896. Their children came to the United States.

9. Jakob J. Lehman born November 30, 1841, married Elizabeth Marti June 23, 1866. They came to the United States to Adams County, Indiana on April 11, 1881.

M30 **Peter Lehman**, born September 21, 1824, at La Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died March 21, 1883, Adams County, Indiana, 6 miles North West of Berne. He was married March 14, 1850, in Bluffton, Ohio to **Lydia Moser**, born August 3, 1821, on Auf der Fluh, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died

June 12, 1877, in Adams County, Indiana 6 miles northwest of Berne. He came to the United States to Wayne Co., Ohio on July 4, 1842. Lydia came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on June 18, 1846. The family came to Adams County, Ohio on May 13, 1852. All but the first child were born in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $2,800.

M30.1 David Lehman, born November 27, 1850 in Riley Township, Putnam County, Ohio, married Elisabeth Moser on April 1, 1876 in his home.

M30.2 Son Lehman, lived a few days after birth in 1852. A twin.

M30.3 Son Lehman, lived a few days after birth in 1852. A twin.

M30.4 Leah Lehman, born August 30, 1853, married Jakob Bracker on October 6, 1871, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M30.5 Rachel Lehman born about 1855, must have died at birth.

M30.6 Joel Lehman born March 17, 1857, died April 21, 1878, and was buried in the St John UCC cemetery.

M30.7 Elias Lehman born October 8, 1858, died May 24, 1878 and was buried in St. John UCC cemetery.

M30.8 Christina Lehman, born April 11, 1861, married Andrew Klay April 7, 1880.

M30.9 Emmanuel Lehman, born about 1862, died about a year later.

M30.10 Elizabeth Lehman, born September 18, 1865, married Johann Moser.

M31 **Peter S. Lehman**, born November 17, 1821 at Burgisberg, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died February 3, 1899, in Adams County, Indiana. He was married November 7, 1846, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland to **Verena Sprunger**, born November 1, 1828, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died February 5, 1913, in Berne, Indiana. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then to Adams County, Indiana on June 22, 1852. From here they moved to Hickory County, Missouri on March 31, 1868, with the family. They returned to Berne, Indiana on September 28, 1893, without Peter and Verena. He was chosen by lot to serve as a preacher of the Word while living in the Jura in July 1848. Then in Adams County, Indiana he was chosen from a group of three ministers to serve as an Elder in July 1853.

M31.1 Anna Barbara Lehman born February 12, 1848 on Sous le Rochet, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Christian P. Luginbill (M17.3) on March 26, 1868 in her parent's home.

M31.2 Marianna Lehman born January 19, 1850 on Domont, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Christian Gilliom on August 15, 1867, near Vera Cruz, Indiana. He is a brother of Peter and they married sisters.

M31.3 Rachel Lehman, born November 10, 1853, married Peter Gilliom on December 25, 1872, a brother of Christian above.

M31.4 Katharina P. Lehman, born November 19, 1857, married David C. Neuenschwander in the Berne Mennonite Church on February 7, 1883.

M31.5 Japhet F. Lehman, born June 8, 1860, married Elisabeth Neuenschwander (M72.12) on February 7, 1883. He was called J.F. and became a prominent businessman in Berne.

M31.6 Dina P. Lehman, born February 27, 1863, married April 3, 1887, Joel Welty in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M31.7 Emma Lehman, born December 23, 1868, married James H. McCaslin.

M31.8 Lydia Lehman, born July 14, 1870, married William Tell Lehman on December 30, 1894 in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M32 **Christian A. Lehman**, born November 23, 1810, on Mont Dessus, Dellsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died February 27, 1897, near Berne, Indiana. He was married by minister David Baumgartner in March 1833 to **Magdalena Schnegg**, on Mont Dessus, Dellsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born November 6, 1808, on Sonnenberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died February 9, 1885, in Hickory County, Missouri. They arrived in Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and in Adams County on June 22, 1852. He went to Hickory County, Missouri on March 24, 1868, and she on March 31, 1868. They returned to Berne Indiana on January 17, 1891. They had no children. His net worth in 1860 was $950.

M33 **Christian Schneck**, born December 5, 1811 on Mount Tramelan, Moutier, Canton Bern,

Switzerland, died September 11, 1879, in Hickory County, Missouri. He was married March 17, 1834, by David Baumgartner, to **Elisabeth Lehman**, born August 17, 1814, at Mont Dessus, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died August 27, 1887, in Hickory County, Missouri. They came to the Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then settled in Adams County on June 22, 1852. They went to Hickory County, Missouri on April 23, 1869. Their children were likely born on Mt. Courgemont, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His net worth in 1860 was $1,100.

M33.1 son Schneck born March 10, 1838, died May 5, 1838.

M33.2 son Schneck was stillborn January 18, 1843.

M33.3 Abraham Schneck, born February 11, 1846, married Lina Bichsel on July 28, 1877. After her death on December 4, 1889, he married Verena Neuenschwander (M72.9) on August 29, 1897.

M34 **Katharina Lehman**, born August 17, 1814, at Mont Dessus, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died February 6, 1902, in Adams County, Indiana. She married **Johannes Baumgartner** on June 27, 1837 at Champo, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was born March 17, 1810, at Orange, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died June 6, 1851, on Auf der Fluh, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Katharina with two children came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then to Adams County, Indiana on June 22, 1852. Here she married M2 **Christian Baumgartner** on December 2, 1852, in the home of John-Peter Merillat. Christian was a widower and the Elder of the Baumgartner congregation. Her first four children were born on the farm Orange, Tavannes, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Those with Christian Baumgartner were born in Harrison Township, Wells County, Ohio. Sorrowfully, five of her eight children lived brief lives.

M34.1 John Jacob Baumgartner was born July 14, 1839. He served in the Civil War as a volunteer in the 44th Indiana Regiment. He was wounded in a battle, taken prisoner, then died of starvation on June 22, 1864, in Andersonville, Georgia.

M34.2 Christian Cleophas Baumgartner, born February 3, 1842, married Barbara C. Lehman on October 8, 1863, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. While a child in Switzerland he became ill (likely with polio) and was crippled. He was a bright child and learned to read at the age of four. At age six he learned French in the school in which his father taught. He was ten years of age when he came with his mother to Wells County, Indiana. Because he was crippled, his mother permitted him to attend school in Bluffton, Indiana so that he could become educated to make a living. He passed the school exams by age thirteen and became a teacher. At age 17 he went to Akron, Ohio to study medicine with a physician. He then practiced medicine in Wayne County, Ohio until 1865 when he moved to Linn Grove, Indiana and set up an office. Here he practiced for ten years. At some point he was attracted by the preaching of the Evangelical Association ministers, and became a member. In time he became a minister in that church. He moved to Elkhart, Indiana to serve a church and there died of liver problems caused by gall stones on September 3, 1902. On April 28, 1902, he was one of the speakers when the First Mennonite Church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the early settlers of 1852. His speech was entitled "Once and Now."

M34.3 Christian David Baumgartner, was born in 1846, and lived for 25 days. A twin.

M34.4 Johann Peter Baumgartner, was born in 1846, and lived for 11 days. A twin.

M34.5 Peter Baumgartner, born September 13, 1853, died September 24, 1853.

M33.6 Johann C. Baumgartner, born December 7, 1854, married Mary Aschbaucher on December 26, 1878.

M34.7 Abraham Baumgartner, born January 6, 1856, died January 27, 1856.

M34.8 Friedrich Baumgartner, born February 12, 1857, died March 10, 1857.

The Sprunger Family

Another extended family that came to Adams County in 1852 were the descendants of **Peter Sprunger**, born November 20, 1757 at Pieterlen (near Biel), Canton Bern, Switzerland, and **Anna Rothlisberger**, born December 20, 1762 in

Kirchberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was baptized in the Reformed Church as an infant, but became a *Taufer* (Anabaptist) about the time he was married. Anna was a *Taufer*. Peter was chosen by lot to serve as a minister, and then became an Elder. Their children were all born at La Heutt, and later the family lived on the Munsterberg (Montagne de Moutier). Three of their six children came to the United States.

1. **Elisabeth Sprunger**, born March 10, 1785, married **Peter Habegger** January 12, 1804. He died in Switzerland January 22, 1833.

2. **Johann Sprunger**, born March 10, 1793, married **Barbara Lehman** on March 4, 1816, on Montagne de Moutier. (See M79)

3. **Abraham Sprunger**, born February 19, 1797, married **Anna Moser** on January 16, 1823. She died June 15, 1843, and he then married **Magdalena Rufenacht** on January 29, 1848.

M35 **Johann J. Sprunger,** born November 9, 1824, on La Tanne, Dachsfeldenberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, was a son of Johann Sprunger and Barbara Lehman. He died May 24, 1912, in Berne, Indiana. He was married November 4, 1848, on La Tanne to **Barbara Lehman,** born February 4, 1812, on Mont-Dessus, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died April 7, 1879, in Adams County, Indiana. They came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then came to Adams County, Indiana on June 21, 1852. After Barbara died, he made a return trip to Switzerland, leaving March 1, 1880. He came back to Adams County on August 25, 1881. Johann was the first song leader in the Lehman congregation. When the church building was erected, he and others, both men and women, sat at a table at the front of the church to lead the singing. When this couple left Europe on the ship Hahnemann, their second son must have been ill as he died the second day at sea. He was strapped to a board with a weight attached and buried in the ocean. Four other children died on the voyage as well.[11] They had two children born in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. Barbara died April 7, 1879. After her death Johann returned to Switzerland leaving March 1, 1880, and spent over a year there, returning on August 24, 1881. They had two children born in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $2,800.

Johann married **Katharina Schneck** on February 6, 1886, of Wayne County, Ohio. She became ill with typhoid fever in Wayne County, Ohio where they were attending a church conference. She was born June 9, 1835, and died Oct. 27, 1895, and is buried in the Sonnenberg Cemetery. He died May 24, 1912. His net worth in 1861 was $1,055.

M35.1 Christian J. Sprunger, born August 29, 1849, in Tramelan, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Marianna A. Sprunger (M63.8) on December 5, 1872. They were second cousins.

M35.2 Peter Sprunger, born January 9, 1852, likely at La Tanne, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died March 20, 1852, and was buried in the Atlantic Ocean.

M35.3 Barbara Sprunger, born October 2, 1852, married Daniel Zurcher on March 23, 1876.

M35.5 Verena Sprunger, born February 25, 1857, married David C. Sprunger (M41.3) on January 18, 1880, in Berne, Indiana. They were second cousins.

M36 **Christian J. Sprunger** (M35.1) was born August 29, 1849, in Tramelan, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Marianna A. Sprunger** (M63.8) on December 5, 1872, in the Berne Mennonite Church. She was born December 6, 1854. He came with his parents to the United States, and arrived in Adams County on June 25, 1852. This family moved to Reno County, Kansas on November 26, 1884, then returned to Berne, Indiana on March 26, 1891. They moved to Woodburn, Allen County, Indiana on April 19, 1894, and lived there the remainder of their lives. He played a fife-flute, an accordion, and a harmonica. Marianna died December 17, 1912, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he on February 21, 1918, in Woodburn, Indiana.

M36.1 Leonita Sprunger, born September 27, 1873, died November 29, 1876.

M36.2 Edwin F. Sprunger, born Dec. 14, 1874, married Ida A. Meyers on October 21, 1899. After her death on September 11, 1905, he married Sarah Rupp on July 30, 1910.

M36.3 Johanna O. Sprunger, born June 19, 1876, married Alfred E. Imbach on January 11,

1902.

M36.4 Salome E. Sprunger, born January 10, 1878, married Sylvanus J. Roberts on October 20, 1898.

M36.5 Frederick J. Sprunger, born March 31, 1880, married Jennie Meyers on December 31, 1902.

M36.6 Justinus K. Sprunger, born February 15, 1882, died February 7, 1943. He was a banker, and a landscape gardener.

M36.7 Franklin A. Sprunger, born January 4, 1884, died September 21, 1971. He was a machinist.

M36.8 Albertina F. Sprunger, born July 4, 1886, married Earl J. Tomlinson on December 30, 1917.

M36.9 Alvin A. Sprunger, born October 29, 1888, married Sylvian Locher on June 7, 1914.

M36.10 Elizabeth E. Sprunger, born January 10, 1891, married Ezra Yaggy on August 4, 1912.

M36.11 Elam E. Sprunger, born March 17, 1893, married Emma L. Welty on July 26, 1919.

M36 12 Aldo E. Sprunger, born December 14, 1896, married Frieda Gerig August 17, 1918.

M36.13 Loretta L. Sprunger, born July 8, 1899, died October 1, 1899l.

M37 **Christian Sprunger**, born April 10, 1828, on La Tanne, Dachsfelden, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, son of Johann Sprunger (2) and Barbara Lehman. He married June 3, 1852, at Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio to **Marianna Lehman** (6) born August 12, 1825, on Mung, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died March 18, 1907, in Berne, Indiana. They were single when they left Switzerland, and they traveled on the same ship to the United States. They came to Adams County, Indiana, on June 25, 1852. On Sunday, April 13, 1856, Christian was in the lot for a minister in the Munsterberg congregation along with seven other men, two of whom were his brothers John J. and Peter E. He was chosen and was ordained by Elder Ulrich Kipfer.[12] Then on Tuesday, March 17, 1868, Christian and minister Peter Habegger were in the lot for the position of Elder of the Munsterberg congregation. Christian was selected and ordained by Elder Peter S. Lehman. He died October 18, 1903, in Adams County, Indiana, and is buried in the MRE Cemetery. A few years before his death, he retired from his farming and ministry due to ill health. His net worth in 1861 was $2,600. Their children were born in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana.

M37.1 Katharina Sprunger, born Nov. 3, 1853, married Peter A. Sprunger (M63.1) on December 28, 1871. They were second cousins.

M37.2 Marianna Sprunger, born July 4, 1855, married Samuel Steiner (M68.1) on April 27, 1878.

M37.3 Elisabeth Sprunger, born May 29, 1857, married Peter Beer (M65.4) on October 9, 1881. Following his death on November 20, 1887, she married Christian C. Burri on August 10, 1890.

M37.4 Joel Sprunger, born August 17, 1858, married Martha S. Loganbill, on November 23, 1889. They were missionaries to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians from 1887 to 1889 under the General Conference Mennonite Church at Darlington, Oklahoma. He then served a Mennonite church in Oklahoma. Later they moved to Stafford, Kansas.

M37.5 Ulrich Sprunger, born January 7, 1860, married Anna Liechty on October 28, 1885 in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M37.6 Christian Sprunger, born October 26, 1861, died January 12, 1865. The boy was in good health when his father left for Fort Wayne for business. When he returned after a few days he arrived just a few hours after Christian had died.[13]

M37.7 Barbara Sprunger, born March 30, 1863, married Ezra Neuenschwander (M62.3) on April 22, 1883. Following his death on November 13, 1887, she married Christian Gilliom on November 25, 1897.

M37.8 Anna Sprunger, born November 17, 1864, married Abraham Beer (M65.5) on December 19, 1883.

M37.9 Gideon Sprunger, born September 6, 1866, married Aldina A. Baumgartner on November 15, 1896.

M37.10 Rosina C. Sprunger, born January 27, 1869, died October 15, 1941.

M37.11 Rachel Sprunger, born September 6, 1871, died October 18, 1945.

M38 **Abraham Sprunger**, born February 19, 1797, on La Heutt, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died November 1, 1889 in Berne,

Indiana. He married January 16, 1823, on Münsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland **Anna Moser**, born June 19, 1798, at La Combe, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died there on June 15, 1843. He then married **Magdalena Rufenacht** on January 29, 1848, on the Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born August 30, 1811, on Bradewang, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died January 19, 1850, on Munsterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Abraham, a widower with three children, arrived in Adams County on July 6, 1852. The three children were Abraham, Anna, and Samuel Ferdinand. Their children were born on the Munsterberg. It does not appear that he purchased any land. His net worth in 1861 was $83.

M38.1 Peter Sprunger, born January 28, 1825, married Marianna Moser on November 29, 1851.

M38.2 Verena Sprunger, born November 1, 1828, married Peter S. Sprunger on November 7, 1846.

M38.3 Elisabeth Sprunger, born May 5, 1832, married Christian P. Sprunger (M41) on March 23, 1836.

M38.4 Abraham (Lang Hami) Sprunger, born June 11, 1837, married Katharina Moser (M9.8) on January 11, 1862. She died June 24, 1901. He then married Carolina Furrer on July 3, 1906.

M38.5 Anna Sprunger, born April 6, 1840, married Abraham A. Sprunger (M63.2) on November 22, 1862. He was a first cousin once removed.

M38.6 Samuel Ferdinand Sprunger, born October 19, 1848, married October 2, 1872, to Katharina Luginbill (M17.5). He was chosen by lot to serve as a minister of the Berne Mennonite Church on August 23, 1868, and was ordained as an Elder on March 5, 1874. He initiated quite a few changes within the church and is looked upon as an outstanding leader. This family was the second Mennonite family to own a reed organ.[14] It was this organ that was most likely taken to the church for use on special occasions prior to the church having one installed. Having attended the first seminary established by Mennonites in America, he lead the church at it moved out of its restrictive isolation into a more vibrant form of faith expression. He supported the new developing General Conference Mennonite Church and represented the congregation at early meetings. Support of mission endeavors was initiated, along with programs that enhanced the life of the local congregation such as Christian education.

M39 **Abraham (Lang Hami) Sprunger** (M38.4), was born June 11, 1837, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married January 11, 1862, in Vera Cruz, Indiana by a Justice of the Peace to **Katharina Moser** (M9.8). She was born August 4, 1843, in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. He came with his father and siblings to the U.S. to the Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Indiana on May 7, 1852, and then to Adams County, Indiana on May 7, 1852. They settled in Wells County, Indiana on March 20, 1862, having been married by the Justice of the Peace. They had an auction on October 22, 1891 when he discontinued farming. On Oct. 23, 1891, they moved into Berne. Katharina died June 24, 1901, in Berne, Indiana. He died August 1, 1912, in Berne, Indiana.

M39.1 Elias Sprunger, born January 21, 1863, married Susanna Riesen on November 4, 1888.

M39.2 Maria Sprunger, born December 15, 1864, married Peter Stauffer on March 6, 1887.

M39.3 Rosina Sprunger, born February 15, 1867, married Jacob B. Steiner (M68.4) on February 15, 1891.

M39.4 Noah Sprunger, born March 23, 1869, died February 16, 1888.

M39.5 Sarah Sprunger, born March 31, 1871, married Philemon Sprunger (M71.5) on March 16, 1920.

M39.6 Karolina Sprunger, born June 15, 1873, married Joseph D. Winteregg.

M39.7 Amos Sprunger, born September 10, 1875, married Maria C. Von Rheinbaben in Alabama on Nov. 12, 1920.

M39.8 Lewis Sprunger, born January 30, 1878, married Mahala Schenbeck on April 1, 1900.

M39.9 Aldina Sprunger, born July 26, 1880, married Philip P. Huser on January 11, 1908.

M39.10 Susanna Sprunger, born February 26, 1883, died April 21, 1894.

M39.11 Heinrich (Henry) Sprunger, born August 6, 1885, married Ella Liddy on June 24, 1906.

M39.12 Abraham Sprunger, born July 6,

1888, must have died young.

M39.13 Della Furrer Sprunger, born September 30, 1907, married Charles A. Burkhart on June 11, 1933.

M40 **Abraham Lehman**, born March 17, 1822, at La Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died May 3, 1893, in Berne, Indiana. He was married January 31, 1852, at Le Vion, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland to **Barbara Zurcher**, born April 6, 1829, on Le Vion, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died June 22, 1879, in Berne, Indiana. They left for the United States just over a month after they were married. They arrived in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then came on to Adams County, Indiana in July 1852. The town of Berne was begun on the north part of his land, and his son Isaac gave the city Lehman Park. Their children were born in Monroe Township, Adams County and all but Barbara and Mary were married in the Berne Mennonite Church. The parents are buried in the MRE cemetery. His net worth in 1861 was $770.

M40.1 Anna Lehman, born November 13, 1853, married Jacob P. Habegger on January 22, 1888. J.P. Habegger was a prosperous businessman and a leader in the church. He and his wife both sat at the song leaders' table in the Mennonite Church. In 1891 he and minister S.F. Sprunger with three other men made a trip to Switzerland. He went to Switzerland again in 1913 to attend the International Sunday School Convention. Twice he was appointed to a church building committee. The first time was in 1899 when the church voted to enlarge the second church building. The second time was on April 13, 1909 when he was made head of the committee to erect the current building. He became a Deacon in the church and served from 1915 to 1926. He had the distinction of teaching a Sunday School class for over fifty years.[15]

M40.2 Isaac Lehman, born August 31, 1856, married Caroline Rosina Lehman on March 20, 1892. He was officially appointed as janitor of the new church in December 1879, and was paid $20 the year he served. They moved to Ohio but when he returned, he again was the janitor from 1884 through 1892. He served on the building committee in 1899 when the second church building was enlarged.

M40.3 Ulrich Lehman, born August 9, 1859, married Judith Sprunger (M71.6) on October 21, 1883. In 1881 he was elected janitor of the Mennonite church and he was paid $25 the first year. He had to furnish brooms and oil for the lamps from his pay. The next year he was paid $30 and he no longer had to pay for the supplies. He had this position three years.

M40.4 Joel Lehman, born January 29, 1862, married Anna Sprunger (M71.8) on September 30, 1888. He was asked to be an assistant to S.F. Sprunger and served from 1888 to 1890. Then on Jan. 19, 1890, he was ordained as a traveling preacher in the Berne Mennonite. Church. He received a call from the Salem Mennonite Church, Dalton, OH to be their pastor so he and the family moved to Wayne Co., OH on May 21, 1890. There on March 27, 1891, he was ordained as Elder. He served the Salem Church 12 years, returning to Berne April 16, 1902. He then served as assistant pastor in the First Mennonite Church until 1936 when he retired. Joel taught a Sunday School class in the Mennonite church for over forty years.

M40.5 Elisabeth Lehman, born September 10, 1864, married David Habegger on September 14, 1890. She had a fine soprano voice so was asked to sit at the table at the front of the church with three other persons to lead the singing. She sang the soprano solos in the first oratorios that were given. Two of their children became missionaries. Metta Habegger Moyer served in India, and Alfred Habegger, who was the first ordained missionary in the First Mennonite Church, served among the Northern Cheyenne Indians in Montana. His wife, Barbara Hirschy was also consecrated to this ministry.

M40.6 Barbara Lehman, born February 17, 1867, married Abraham J. Moser on April 9, 1900, in the Lehman home.

M40.7 Abraham A. Lehman, born March 27, 1871, married Ida Gilliom on December 30, 1894. He taught a Sunday school class for over fifty years.

M40.8 Marianna (Mary) Lehman, born July 21, 1873, married Lewis Reiff on May 7, 1907 in the home of A.J. Moser, her brother-in-law. She was gifted in music and became the first organist in the Berne Mennonite Church, playing a reed organ. She discontinued for a time but when a

pipe organ was installed, she again was the organist.[16] She gave piano lessons.

M41 **Christian P. Sprunger,** born October 9, 1826, at Tramont, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died January 26, 1913, in Berne, Indiana. He was married to **Elisabeth Sprunger** (M38.3), November 29, 1851 on the Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born May 5, 1832 on the Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland and died December 17, 1918. They came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County on May 7, 1852, and to Adams County, Indiana on August 17, 1852. Their children were born in Adams County. His net worth in 1861 was $575.

M41.1 son Sprunger, was stillborn May 10, 1852, three days after arriving at Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio.

M41.2 Katharina Sprunger, born February 22, 1855, died August 7, 1855.

M41.3 David C. Sprunger, born April 3, 1857, married Verena Sprunger (M35.4) on January 18, 1880. She died October 16, 1893, and he then married Caroline Tschantz on April 9, 1895.

M41.4 Katharina C. Sprunger, born September 23, 1859, married John A. Sprunger (M63.7) on February 15, 1880.

M41.5 Jephtha F. Sprunger, born January 24, 1862, married on November 29, 1885, to Katharina Nussbaum.

M41.6 Dina C. Sprunger, born March 6, 1864, died March 31, 1892.

M41.7 Sarah C. Sprunger, born January 15, 1867, married Jonas Soldner (M22.7) in August 1935, in Fresno, California.

M41.8 James E. Sprunger, born February 8, 1871, married Elisabeth C. Ensign on Sept. 5, 1904, at Niagara Falls, New York. She died March 3, 1909, and he then married Anna E. Kuesel on June 24, 1912.

M41.9 Samuel H. Sprunger, born June 17, 1875, died September 4, 1875.

M42 **Peter (Pete) Sprunger** (M38.1), born January 28, 1825, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died November 12, 1898, in Berne, Indiana. He married **Marianna Moser** on November 29, 1851, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born April 21, 1829, on Buntenenberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland and died June 1, 1894, in Berne, Indiana. They came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and to Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana on October 6, 1852. He was in the lot for a minister on April 13, 1856, when Christian Sprunger was chosen. He was in the lot a second time on August 23, 1868, when Samuel F. Sprunger was chosen. He became very deaf. To hear his half-brother Samuel F. preach, he would stand beside the pulpit. Quite conservative in his views, he had problems accepting an addition to the second church that was dedicated in 1879. In 1861 his net worth was $1,400.

M42.1Anna Sprunger, born September 1, 1852, married Emanuel J. Liechty on July 17, 1875.

M42.2 Christian Sprunger, born October 25, 1853, died December 18, 1856.

M42.3 Emanuel Sprunger, born November 18, 1854, married Katharina Stauffer (M10.9) on December 5, 1880. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He was on the building committee when the second church was enlarged in 1899 and again in 1909 when the current building was erected.

M42.4 Daniel Sprunger, born March 14, 1857, married Elisabeth Lehman (M58.9) on January 12, 1896. He was a manager of a general store.

M42.5 Philip Sprunger, born August 6, 1858, married Anna Lehman (M58.6) on March 14, 1880 in the Berne Mennonite Church.

M42.6 Christian C. Sprunger, born September 11, 1860, married Rosina Reusser on January 29, 1882. He was a cabinet maker. He was one of the original charter members of the Christian Temperance Society organized on February 4, 1886.

M42.7 Marianna Sprunger, born September 14, 1863, married Daniel Stucky on September 25, 1881.

M42 8 Peter Sprunger, born November 20, 1867, died December 3, 1869.

M42.9 Benjamin Sprunger, born December 26, 1875, married Susanna Burkhalter on December 18, 1898. She died April 1, 1900. He then married Sara Ann Burkhalter on December 27, 1904. She died October 14, 1929. He married a third time to Amanda M. Egly on November 23, 1930. He taught Sunday school for over forty

years.

M43 **Clemenz Wulliman**, born February 10, 1815, at Grenchen, Canton Solothurn, Switzerland. He married **Elisabeth Habegger** on September 18, 1837, at Petite Champoz, Moutier, Canton Berns Switzerland. They were married by a pastor of a Reformed Church. She was born August 30, 1812, on Trundai, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died April 20, 1865, in Adams County, Indiana. They arrived in New York on April 28, 1852, and went to Bluffton, Ohio on May 8, 1852. They then came to Adams County on October 13, 1852. He married a second time on February 3, 1866, to **Elisabeth Liechty** who was born February 14, 1814, on Graitery, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was the widow of Jacob Nussbaum. According to Samuel Lehman, both Clemenz and Elisabeth died February 15, 1892. Coming from a different Canton than the others from the Munsterberg, Clemenz may have been a member of the Reformed Church until some time after he married Elisabeth. She was the daughter of minister Peter Habegger, who was very conservative in his views. Their first five children were born on the Munsterberg and the others in Adams County. Clemenz and his second wives, Elisabeth, are buried in St. John UCC cemetery.

Samuel Lehman wrote that the Wullimans went from New York to Cleveland, and from there on the train to Findlay, Ohio. From there they went by foot to Putnam County, Ohio.

M43.1 Marianna Wulliman, born January 15, 1838, married David Stauffer (M10.3) on February 17, 1863.

M43.2 Jacob Wulliman, born December 21, 1840, married Catherine Neuenschwander (M72.1) on April 2, 1868.

M43.3 Elizabeth Wulliman, born June 18, 1844, married Peter F. Moser on October 27, 1870, by a preacher in the Evangelical Church of Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M43.4 Edward Wulliman, born August 2, 1849, died May 15, 1850.

M43.5 Lina Wulliman, born September 7, 1850, died May 20, 1851.

M43.6 Anna Wulliman, born March 30, 1856, married David Soldner (M22.2) on December 21, 1876.

M44 **Christian Nussbaum**, born January 1, 1805, near Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, likely on the farm Beroie. He was married May 10, 1832, to **Magdalena Neuenschwander**, born September 7, 1807, on Münsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They came to the United States, arriving in Wayne County on June 18, 1846. They came to Adams County, Indiana in October 21, 1852. He died December 23, 1891, and she died March 6, 1898, near Berne, Indiana. They first lived on Cras des-Pois (Erbsrein) on the Munsterberg, then in the Chaluet valley east of Court, and then in the community of Sornetan just prior to coming to the United States. Their last three children were born in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. His net worth in 1861 was $560.

M44.1 Marianna Nussbaum, born April 1, 1834, on Cras des-Pois, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Abraham Moser (M48) on May 5, 1853.

M44.2 John C. Nussbaum, born February 20, 1836, on Cras des-Pois, married Regina Oberli (M59.3) on December 8, 1859. He was in the lot for a minister on August 23, 1868.

M44.3 Anna Nussbaum, born April 14, 1837, on Cras des-Pois, married Christian U. Amstutz (M60.1) on May 23, 1861.

M44.4 Jakob Nussbaum, born March 1, 1839, in Chaluet, Canton Bern, died September 1, 1859, in Wayne Co., Ohio.

M44.5 Katharina Nussbaum, born March 28, 1840, in Chaluet, married David Mettler on January 10, 1868.

M44.6 Elisabeth Nussbaum, born August 14, 1842, in Chaluet, married John B. Nussbaum on February 20, 1868.

M44.7 Verena Nussbaum, born December 4, 1843, in Chaluet, died December 19, 1870.

M44.8 Christian Nussbaum, born March 1, 1845, in Sornetan, Canton Bern, died April 1, 1846 in Adams County, Indiana.

M44.9 Christian Nussbaum, born September 6, 1846, in Wayne County, Ohio, died November 30, 1888.

M44.10 Peter Nussbaum, born January 23, 1849, died January 31, 1849, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M44.11 Barbara Nussbaum, born February 8,

1850, married Abraham B. Bixler on August 21, 1875.

M45 **John C. Nussbaum,** born February 20, 1836, on Cras des-Pois, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, He married **Regina Oberli** (M59.3) on December 8, 1859, in Wabash Township by Peter S. Lehman. She was born April 5, 1832, on Lagot, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. John came with his parents to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on June 18, 1846. Then he came to Adams County, Indiana on October 21, 1852. Regina came to the US with her parents to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1854, and to Adams County, Indiana on August 16, 1854. They settled in Wabash Township. John died November 26, 1870, and Regina died September 23, 1910, in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana.

M45.1 Katherina Nussbaum, born November 18, 1860, married Peter M. Neuenschwander on November 9, 1882. Peter was born September 15, 1854 on Sur la Chevre on the Munsterberg. He was chosen by lot to be a preacher of the Word in September 1871 when he was only seventeen years of age. He came to Adams County, Indiana with other members of his family in 1876. He was recognized as one of the ministers of the Berne Mennonite Church and served with Elder Christian Sprunger. He was opposed to all new innovations and held firmly to conservative ways. When the two Berne congregations united in 1886, he formed his own congregation. His wife's sister and brother were part of this church.

M45.2 Caroline Nussbaum, born April 22, 1862, died December 12, 1869 in Adams County.

M45.3 Miriam Nussbaum, born March 19, 1864, died December 14, 1870 in Adams County.

M45.4 David C. Nussbaum, born May 27, 1867, married Marianna Habegger on October 12, 1889.

M45.5 Daniel Nussbaum, born November 20, 1869, married Lydia Schwartz on March 2, 1893.

M46 **Peter Nussbaum** was born October 6, 1814, on the Munsterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He is a brother to M43 Christian. He married **Barbara Steiner** (M73.1) on December 31, 1842 in the Chaluet valley (Tscheiwo), Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born April 20, 1820, near Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. The family came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then to Adams County, Indiana in October 1852. He died in October 1855, and Barbara on January 13, 1867, in Adams County, Indiana. Their first five children were born in the community of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

M46.1 John P. Nussbaum, born October 16, 1844, married Virginia Mazelin (No. 4 in The Mazelin Family) on February 3, 1866.

M46.2 Elisabeth Nussbaum, born June 26, 1845, died July 10, 1869.

M46.3 Christian Nussbaum, born February 3, 1847, died in 1853 in Adams County, Indiana.

M46.4 Jacob Nussbaum, born October 9, 1850, married Catherine King on December 26, 1872 in Woodford County, Illinois.

M46.5 Rebekka Nussbaum, born November 29, 1850, died June 27, 1851 on the Munsterberg.

M46.6 Solomon Nussbaum, born 1853, died in 1861 in Adams County.

M46.7 Benjamin Nussbaum, born March 10, 1856, married Elizabeth Riff on December 29, 1878.

M47 **Peter Kaufman** was born July 1826, in Boron, Belfort, France. He was married to **Verena Suter** on April 3, 1851, in Putnam County, Ohio by Elder Ulrich Steiner. She was born August 18, 1827, in Boron, Belfort, France, and died August 15, 1903, in Pandora, Putnam County, Ohio. They came to Adams County, Indiana in **1852**. In 1863 they moved to Putnam County, Ohio. He took his own life on March 15, 1887, in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. They had no children. In 1860 the census taker registered him at the home of Peter Luginbill.

M48 **Abraham Moser** (M9.1) was born February 12, 1825, at La Combe, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came with his parents to the United States, arriving in Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1832. They came to Adams County on October 20, 1839. He married **Marianna Nussbaum** (M44.1) on May 5, 1853, in Adams County. She was born April 1, 1835, on Cras des-Pois, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They first lived in French Township, then moved to Monroe Township on April 4, 1864. In 1860

his net worth was $2,100.

M48.1 Anna Moser, born March 8, 1854, married Joseph Liechty on June 23, 1878.

M48.2 Katharina Moser, born November 16, 1855, may have died young.

M48.3 Elisabeth Moser, born March 17, 1857, may have died young.

M48.4 Philip Moser, born September 8, 1858, married Ida Powers on August 26, 1885, in Aylmer, Ontario, Canada.

M48.5 Miriam Moser, born January 15, 1860, married Abraham M. Neuenschwander on May 14, 1881.

M48.6 Moses Moser, born February 21, 1861, married Sarah Powers on December 22, 1890, in Alymer, Ontario, Canada.

M48.7 Aaron Moser, born February 6, 1863, may have died young.

M48.8 David A. Moser, born January 2, 1865, married Elie Whittaker on September 12, 1900, in Livermore, Kentucky.

M48.9 Dina Moser, born February 25, 1867, married Daniel C. Neuenschwander (M24.11) on October 3, 1891.

M48.10 Japhet Moser, born October 22, 1869, may have died young.

M48.11 Jakob A. Moser, born December 9, 1870, may have died young.

M48.12 Sarah Moser, born March 12, 1873, married Jonas Beer (M65.7) on August 23, 1889.

M48.13 Nathan Moser, born May 2, 1874, married Emma Moser on January 14, 1903.

M48.14 Son Moser, was stillborn on December 27, 1876.

M49 **Christian J. Lehman**, born July 6, 1831, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, married **Sarah J. Suter** on August 31, 1856 in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. She was born November 5, 1834, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. Christian came to Vera Cruz, Indiana on December 23, 1852. Sarah came with her parents to Vera Cruz on May 10, 1849. They settled in French Township, Adams County on November 7, 1856. This family had a lot of sorrow as over half of their eleven children died young and only one was married. He died April 10, 1873, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Wells County, Indiana as well as a number of their children. His net worth in 1860 was $1,250. After the death of Christian, she married Theophil Gottlieb Romey, on November 18, 1873. He was born September 23, 1846, in Switzerland and died April 2, 1942. Sarah died April 25, 1918. They are also buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

M49.1 Daniel Lehman was born June 22, 1857.

M49.2 John Lehman, born October 2, 1858, died in 1925. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

M49.3.Levi Lehman, born January 17, 1860, died March 31, 1881.

M49.4 Noah Lehman, born January 25, 1861, died February 24, 1943.

M49.5 Sarah Lehman, born March 7, 1862, died March 10, 1863.

M49.6 William Lehman was born December 4, 1863.

M49.7 Edward Lehman, born January 7, 1865, died February 16, 1865.

M49.8 Maria Lehman, born January 23, 1866, married Fred Neaderhauser on March 27, 1886.

M49.9 Emma Lehman, born April 1, 1868, died December 18, 1870. Buried in St. John UCC cemetery.

M49.10 Caroline Lehman was born December 20, 1869.

M49.11 Samuel Lehman, born May 28, 1872, died April 15, 1946.

Those who arrived after 1852

M50 **Isaac M. Neuenschwander**, born November 10, 1814 on Montagne de Moutier (Munsterberg), Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Caroline Liebmann** on November 27, 1858, in Bluffton, Ohio. She was born June 7, 1838, in Tieringen, Wurtemberg, Germany and was not Mennonite. Isaak came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on June 20, 1843. From there he came to French Township, Adams County, Indiana on April 21, 1853. Caroline came to America to Wells County, Indiana on May 14, 1857. They lived in Vera Cruz for a time. Since Caroline was from the Reformed faith, they may have been a part of the group that helped form the German Reformed Church. He was expelled from this church some time prior to 1863. They moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 11, 1866. He died March 8, 1903, and she died February 3, 1906 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their children were born in Wells County, Indiana.

In 1860 his net worth was $80.

M50.1 girl Neuenschwander was stillborn August 15, 1859.

M50.2 Reinhold Neuenschwander was born September 18, 1860.

M50.3 Mathilda Neuenschwander, born April 23, 1862, died June 18, 1900.

M50.4 Albert Neuenschwander, was born April 23, 1864.

M50.5 Emma Neuenschwander, was born October 28, 1865.

M51 **Elisabeth Baumgartner** (M1.9) born July 26, 1816, at Combe de Péry, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, came to the United States with her parents, minister David and Barbara (Steiner) Baumgartner in 1835. In Wayne County, Ohio she met **Christian Beer** who had come to the United States from the Sonnenberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland in 1824. They were married February 3, 1838, in Sonnenberg. He died April 23, 1850, from cancer of the throat and was buried in the old Sonnenberg cemetery. In the spring of 1853 Elisabeth took her family to Vera Cruz, Indiana where she lived out her life. In 1877 she united with the Evangelical Association in Vera Cruz. She was married a second time, but the man's name is not given. The children with Christian were all born in Wayne County, Ohio. Her net worth in 1860 was $1,800.

M51.1 Marianna Beer, born December 20, 1838, married Isaak Nord on April 20, 1862.

M51.2 John Beer, born July 4, 1840, died May 5, 1855, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

M51.3 Benjamin Beer, born July 10, 1852, married Emma Kidd of Springfield, Indiana in October 1870.

M51.4 Elisabeth Beer, born April 1, 1844, married Adam Gilliom (M16.5) on March 28, 1864.

M51.5 Samuel Beer, born July 13, 1845, died September 3, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M51.6 Daniel Beer, born August 12, 1846, married and lived in Tower, Minnesota.

M51.7 Christian Beer, born May 21, 1848, married Aldine Sunier (R5.2.1) July 5, 1874.

M51.8 William Beer, born August 6, 1850, died September 22, 1850, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M51.9 Josephine -----, died when a young girl.

M52 **John Bichsel**, born August 18, 1828, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, died March 15, 1905, in Berne, Indiana. He married **Maria Bosiger** on May 29, 1853, in Bluffton, Ohio. She was born May 20, 1826, in Rockingham County, Virginia, and died March 20, 1913, in Berne, Indiana. John came to Adams County on August 24, 1852. He then went to Allen County, Ohio to be married on May 13, 1853. The couple visited relatives and friends in Wayne County, and Mahoning County, Ohio. On August 25, 1853, the couple came to French Township, Adams County, Indiana. Maria had come to the United States with her parents to Columbiana County, Ohio in the Fall of 1834. They moved to Putnam County, Ohio in the Spring of 1837. They returned to Berne on April 3, 1894. His net worth in 1860 was $1,400. Living with them in 1860 was Christian Schenk, age 39.

M52.1 David Bichsel, born May 29, 1854, died September 29, 1928 in Berne, Indiana.

M53 **Ulrich M. Neuenschwander**, born April 15, 1819, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died June 16, 1906, in Vera Cruz, Indiana. He married **Anna Saurer** on April 8, 1852. in Mt. Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio. She was born March 3, 1830, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, and died October 28, 1864, in Vera Cruz, Indiana. Ulrich had come to the United States as a young man to Wayne County, Ohio arriving July 20, 1843. Though he was from a Mennonite family, the woman he married was from the Reformed Church. He and Anna came to French Township in Adams County on April 21, 1853. On September 8, 1853, they moved to Vera Cruz, Indiana where he was a hotelkeeper. Here they united with the German Reformed Church of Vera Cruz. Some time prior to 1863 they were expelled from this church. After Anna died on October 28, 1864 in Vera Cruz, he married a Mennonite, **Magdalena Schnegg**, on February 28, 1865, in Decatur, Indiana. She was the widow of Peter Neuenschwander. She died May 11, 1891, and Ulrich died June 16, 1906. Their deaths are recorded in the St. John UCC church in Vera Cruz. All but their first child were born in Vera Cruz, Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $3,500.

M53.1 William Neuenschwander was born

January 18, 1853, in Wayne County, Ohio must have died young.

M53.2 Edward Neuenschwander, born April 23, 1856, married Mary Mollie Hilty on May 10, 1894. She died February 13, 1903. He then married Francis Biberstein on July 9, 1906.

M53.3.Levi Neuenschwander, born August 26, 1851, married Rebecca Beeler.

M53.4 Bertha J. Neuenschwander, born December 21, 1860, died March 4, 1901.

M53.5 Albertina E. Neuenschwander, was born May 23, 1862.

M54 **Jacob Lehman**, born June 8, 1828, at La Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died September 12, 1897, in Berne, Indiana. He married **Elisabeth Ramseier** on February 12, 1853, on Soncebozberg, north of Sombeval, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born July 21, 1824, on Mont Girod, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died April 20, 1892, in Adams County, Indiana. They came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on June 24, 1853, and to Adams County, Indiana on August 31, 1853. They had no children. He was elected to serve as a deacon in the Berne Mennonite Church according to the first recorded business meeting of the First Mennonite Church on October 7, 1877. He served until 1885. He also taught a Sunday School class made up of substitute teachers.[17] His net worth in 1860 was $500.

M55 **Jakob Nussbaum**, was born September 23, 1810. Samuel Lehman gives his birth place as Luterkofen, Canton Solothurn, Switzerland, which is the Nussbaum heimat. He could have been born in the Jura of Canton Bern. He married **Elisabeth Liechty** who was born February 14, 1814, in the Graitery. The Graitery is a higher range of the Jura east of Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland. While in Switzerland this family moved quite frequently. They first lived in the Chaluet valley east of Court, then on Nidauberg, southwest of Biel, then at Risi, in the Tavannes community. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1842. They lived there until they came to French Township, Adams County, Indiana on August 31, 1853. Jacob died eleven months later on July 30, 1854, and Elisabeth died February 15, 1892, both in Adams County, Indiana.

M55.1 Jacob William Nussbaum was born January 5, 1834, in the Chaluet valley east of Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married three times. First, to Barbara Amstutz on March 12, 1857, second, to Katharina Amstutz on March 19, 1885, and third, to Magdalena Moser on October 6, 1910. He was in the lot for a minister on August 23, 1868.[18]

M55.2 John J. Nussbaum, born September 27, 1835, married Magdalena Schneider on December 8, 1861. Following her death on January 13, 1865, he married Maria Amstutz on April 14, 1865, in Linn Grove, Indiana.

M55.3 Marianna Nussbaum was born September 8, 1837, and died September 18, 1918, married Christian A. Amstutz on May 5, 1856, in Wells County, Indiana.

M55.4 Christian Nussbaum, born July 3, 1839, married Marian Holliger.

M55.5 Peter Nussbaum, born March 15, 1841, likely died young.

M55.6 Elisabeth Nussbaum, born July 30, 1843, married Friedrich Wachter on August 25, 1863. He died February 23, 1873, and she then married John Schaupp on June 5, 1889.

M55.7 Abraham Nussbaum, born March 2, 1845, likely died young.

M55.8 Samuel Nussbaum, born January 7, 1847, likely died young.

M55.9 Benjamin Nussbaum, born December 29, 1848, died December 29, 1851.

M55.10 Rachel Nussbaum, born Oct. 19, 1849, married Louis Landman on November 30, 1865.

M55.11 Daniel Nussbaum, born August 21, 1852, married Elisabeth Neuenschwander on February 3, 1873.

M56 **Johann Burkhalter**, born June 23, 1810, on Dies Mattli, Nidau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died September 7, 1853, in Adams County, Indiana. It was a blow to the family when he died a month after arriving in Adams County. He was married to **Verena Habegger** on October 23, 1847, on Nidauberg, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born April 9, 1822, on Trunda, Ober Rosch, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, They arrived in Wayne County, Ohio on June 24, 1853, and in Adams County, Indiana in August 1853.

She married a second time to the widower Christian Stauffer (M10) on March 23, 1854. He was a nephew of Johann Burkhalter. Their children are listed under M10. She died November 13, 1894.

M56.1 David Burkhalter, born November 31, 1848, died September 24, 1853 shortly after arriving in Adams County, Indiana.

M56.2 Peter Burkhalter, born February 4, 1850, on Dies Mattli, near Nidau, Canton Bern. He married Maria Luginbill on October 22, 1874. Peter was in the lot of a minister on August 23, 1868. He was the first assistant Sunday School superintendent, and taught Sunday School for many years.[19]

M56.3 Jacob Burkhalter, born May 30, 1851, died February 3, 1852.

M57 **Christian F. Stauffer**, was born June 23, 1816, at Spitalhof, Branchweilerhof, Rheinpfalz, Germany. He married **Christina Muselmann** on July 27, 1845, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was born March 25, 1825, in Schonerthof, Bavaria. They were both single when they came to Pennsylvania in 1845. In 1846 they went to Putnam County, Ohio. Then in the fall of 1853, they came to Adams County, Indiana. She died June 9, 1899, and he died October 4, 1890, both in Adams County, Indiana. When they came to Adams County, they brought with them a reed organ, which he loved to play. Young people gathered at the Stauffer home on Sunday afternoons to listen to him play and to sing together. This was the first organ among the Mennonites. Christian was one of the early school teachers.[20] His middle initial is from his mother's surname, Fellman, and it was used to distinguish him from two other men with the same name.

M57.1 Christina Stauffer, born July 28, 1846, died June 9, 1899 in Berne.

M57.2 Christian M. Stauffer, born June 16, 1850, married Sophia Bailey in the Vera Cruz Reformed Church.

M57.3 Maria Stauffer, born June 6, 1853, married Ferdinand Eisenhart in Wells County, Indiana.

M58 **Christian B. Lehman**, born September 1, 1820, at La Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Anna Sprunger** (M81.6) on January 5, 1847, on La Tanne, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born October 11, 1826, on La Tanne. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on June 24, 1853, and to Adams County, Indiana in the fall of 1853. She died September 1, 1879, and he died January 25, 1892, in Adams County, Indiana. They are buried in the MRE Cemetery. In Switzerland they lived on the mountain east of Tramelan in the Jura. He was a Deacon (*Armendiener*) in the Berne Mennonite Church for many years.[21] In this role, besides taking care of the poor fund, he announced the couples who were engaged to be married, and was responsible for the upkeep of the church building. He also was the undertaker for the congregation and in addition made the coffins. Their first three children were born here, the others in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $1,900.

M58.1 Peter C. Lehman, born November 3, 1847, married Christina Luginbill (M18.6) on November 11, 1869.

M58.2 David C. Lehman, born December 5, 1849, died February 15, 1850, in Switzerland.

M57.3 Barbara Lehman, born September 4, 1851, married Jeremias (Jerry) Luginbill (M18.2) on November 11, 1869.

M58.4 David C. Lehman, born October 25, 1853, married Elisabeth Liechty on September 2, 1876.

M58.5 John C. Lehman, born September 26, 1856, married Rachel Stauffer (M10.10) on January 21, 1883.

M58.6 Anna Lehman, born May 31, 1859, married Philip Sprunger (M42.5) on March 14, 1880.

M58.7 Marianna C. Lehman, born May 12, 1862, married David Luginbill (M17.8) on June 6, 1880.

M58.8 Katharina Lehman, born May 20, 1865, married Elias Hirschy (A16.6) on April 27, 1902.

M58.9 Elisabeth Lehman, born November 17, 1869 married Jacob Stucky (A26.7) on December 8, 1889. After his death on April 18, 1894, she married Daniel Sprunger (M42.4) on January 12, 1896.

M59 **Christian Oberli** was born October 24, 1793, at Biefeng, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married March 23, 1820, at Gumbio,

community of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland **Verena Moser**, born March 16, 1796, at Gumbio, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They came to the United States arriving in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1854, and arrived in Adams County August 16, 1854. She died on August 24, 1868, and he on October 6, 1875, both in Adams County, Indiana

M59.1 Katharina Oberli, born July 7, 1822, in the community of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Ulrich Amstutz (M60) on January 29, 1842, at Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

M59.2 Anna Oberli, born December 2, 1826, at Sur. la Cote, Souboz, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Christian Liechty on December 5, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana.

M59.3 Regina Oberli, born April 5, 1832, on the Munsterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married John C. Nussbaum (M45) on December 8, 1859. He died November 26, 1870. She then married John E. Nussbaum on September 30, 1875, in Berne, Indiana.

M60 **Ulrich Amstutz** was born November 28, 181,7 at Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Katharina Schnegg** on December 14, 1838, at Bellelay. She was born January 12, 1819, on Sonnenberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died May 5, 1840, at Bellelay. He then married **Katharina Oberli** (M59.1) on January 29, 1842, at Bellelay. She was born July 7, 1822, at Lagot near Souboz, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, The family came to the United States on the ship Granite State. They arrived at Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1854. They settled in Adams County on August 16, 1854. She died September 13, 1858, in childbirth. He then married **Elisabeth Sprunger** (M81.9) on May 20, 1859, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born April 29, 1832, on La Tanne, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Ulrich died October 31, 1869, and Elisabeth on June 25, 1902. She is buried in the MRE Cemetery. His net worth in 1860 was $2,100.

M60.1 Christian U. Amstutz (M61), born on November 20, 1839, at Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Anna Nussbaum (M44.3) on May 23, 1861.

M60.2 Katharina Amstutz, born March 10, 1844, in the Jura of Switzerland, married Peter A. Sprunger on November 22, 1862.

M60.3 Barbara Amstutz, born November 19, 1845, in Saniohl, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married John C. Neuenschwander (M24.1) on December 24, 1868.

M60.4 Anna Amstutz, born January 14, 1848, died April 23, 1872.

M60.5 Ulrich Amstutz, born November 24, 1849, died February 2, 1897, in Ohio.

M60.6 Jakob Amstutz, born April 8, 1852, in Wayne County, Ohio, died April 8, 1854.

M60.7 Regina Amstutz, born January 2, 1854, died May 15, 1854, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M60.8 Dina Amstutz, born April 29, 1857, died May 29, 1860, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M60.9 son Amstutz was stillborn September 13, 1858, in Adams County, Indiana.

Children of Elisabeth Sprunger:

M60.10 Lena Amstutz, born May 22, 1860, married Jonathan Hirschy (A15.8) on December 1, 1881.

M60.11 Marianna Amstutz, born September 15, 1861, married Samuel Zuercher on November 3, 1884.

M60.12 Jacob U. Amstutz, born November 20, 1862, married Verena Habegger on February 2, 1890.

M60.12 Johann J. Amstutz, born March 27, 1864, married Marianna Rosina Nussbaum, on July 20, 1890. He was the superintendent of a Sunday School held in the Baumgartner Church, which began with six German classes.[22] About sixty students attended.

M60.13 Japhet Amstutz, born August 8, 1865, married Anna Killias. He united with the Dowieites in Zion, Illinois.

M60.14 Elisabeth Amstutz, born March 19, 1867, married Ernst Ehrsam on April 21, 1889.

M60.15 son Amstutz was stillborn March 19, 1867, in Adams County, Indiana.

M61 **Christian U. Amstutz** (M60.1), was born November 20, 1839, in Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Anna Nussbaum** (M44.3) on May 23, 1861, in the home of his parents by Peter S. Lehman. She was born April 14, 1837, in Cras des-Pois (Erbsrein), Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States with his parents to Sonnenberg,

Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1854, and to Adams County on August 16, 1854. Anna came with her parents to the US to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on June 18, 1846, and to French Township in Adams County on October 21, 1852. They made their home in Wabash Township, Adams County on May 28, 1861. This family was part of the Neuenschwander Church which joined the Amish Christian Church. Their children were born in Adams County, Indiana. He died on August 22, 1924, and Anna died March 8, 1922. They are buried in the Graber Cemetery.

M61.1 Jacob Amstutz, born May 13, 1862, died August 16, 1863.

M61.2 Catherine Amstutz, born May 20, 1863, married Jacob Halfen on July 23, 1888.

M61.3 daughter Amstutz was stillborn February 16, 1865.

M61.4 Dina Amstutz, born April 18, 1866, married Adam Nussbaum on January 3, 1897.

M61.5 Isaac Amstutz, born January 21, 1868, married Lydia Schwartz on July 30, 1899. She died November 14, 1906. He then married Anna Mazelin on September 24, 1916.

M61.6 John C. Amstutz, born February 2, 1871, married Elizabeth Nussbaum on January 19, 1896. She died January 11, 1900. He then married Mary Kneubuhler on April 5, 1905.

M61.7 Christian C. Amstutz, born June 19, 1873, married Mary D. Hershberger on March 14, 1901, in Mt. Hope, Ohio.

M61.8 Anna Amstutz, born May 8, 1875, married John J. Hilty on February 7, 1909, in Adams County, Indiana.

M61.9 Elizabeth Amstutz, born November 9, 1876, died April 19, 1960, in Port Treverton, Pennsylvania.

M61.10 Moses C. Amstutz, born April 5, 1880, died December 27, 1954, in Port Treverton, Pennsylvania.

M62 **John (Johann) Neuenschwander**, born October 2, 1818, on Munsterberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died January 15, 1903, in Hickory County, Missouri. He married **Regina Bogli** on August 18, 1854, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. She was born October 2, 1826, in Dozigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died Feb. 11, 1895, in Hickory County, Missouri. This couple came to the United States as single persons to Wayne County, Ohio on May 25, 1853. Following their marriage they came to Adams County, Indiana on August 31, 1854. The family moved to Hickory County, Ohio, near Elkton, in March 31, 1868, to be part of the Mennonite congregation led by minister Peter S. Lehman. Their first children were born in Adams County, Indiana, and the last two in Hickory County, Missouri. In 1860 his net worth was $600.

M62.1 Aaron Neuenschwander, born September 18, 1855, married Verena Neuenschwander (M72.9) on March 8, 1885.

M62.2 Joshua Neuenschwander, was born February 16, 1858.

M62.3 Ezra Neuenschwander, born June 6, 1859, married Barbara Sprunger (M37.7) on April 22, 1883.

M62.4 Miriam Neuenschwander, was born June 14, 1861.

M62.5 Judith Neuenschwander, born February 25, 1863, died December 5, 1864.

M62.6 Verena Neuenschwander, was born February 13, 1865.

M62.7 Tobias Neuenschwander, was born May 2, 1867.

M62.8 Zippora Neuenschwander, was born June 19, 1870, in Hickory County, Missouri.

M62.9 John Neuenschwander, born December 23, 1872, died November 11, 1897.

M63 **Abraham B. Sprunger**, born October 7, 1819, on the farm Tramont on the Münsterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He died August 2, 1896, near Berne, Indiana. He married **Elisabeth Zürcher** on December 14, 1838, near Bellelay, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born August 12, 1813, on Talvogne on Courgemontberg, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died August 16, 1887, in Berne, Indiana. After their marriage they rented various farms: first on Courgemont, in the community of Courtelary, then at Le Jean Guie in the same area. Next they were on Montagne de Moutier at Sous le Rochet and La Raie. They came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on July 4, 1854, and then came to Adams County, Indiana on October 4, 1854. They donated the land on which the first church building was erected.[23] In 1860 his net worth was $1,400.

M63.1 Peter A. Sprunger, born October 23, 1839, married Katharina Amstutz on November 22, 1862. She died August 24, 1869. He then married Katharina Sprunger (M37.1) on December 28, 1871. He was a homeopathic physician.

M63.2 Abraham A. Sprunger, born February 22, 1841, married Anna Sprunger (M38.5) on November 22, 1862, who died April 4, 1864. He then married Maria Luginbuhl on January 11, 1866, who died December 14, 1872. His third marriage was to Magdalena Neuenschwander on May 3, 1873. He was in the lot for a minister on August 23, 1868. He was a farmer and became president of the bank.

M63.3 Katharina A. Sprunger, born October 31, 1842, died September 6, 1901.

M63.4 Elisabeth A. Sprunger, born April 23, 1844, married **Samuel Lehman** on October 31, 1867. Samuel is the person who made the Familien Register that contains all the Mennonite families who settled in Adams and Wells counties. He came to Adams County, Indiana on January 16, 1867, following the death of his wife Elisabeth Oberly on September 10, 1866, and his daughter Josephine on October 22, 1866. He was born June 9, 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio to Christian and Magdalena Geiger Lehman. He died June 10, 1924.

M63.5 Anna A. Sprunger, born July 31, 1845, married Samuel Liechty on October 31, 1867.

M63.6 Friedrich A. Sprunger, born April 21, 1849, married Katharina Sprunger on December 5, 1872.

M63.7 John A. Sprunger, born August 12, 1852, married Katharina C. Sprunger (M41.4) on Feb. 15, 1880.

M63.8 Marianna A. Sprunger, born December 6, 1854 married Christian J. Sprunger (M35.1) on December 5, 1872.

M63.9 Jonas Sprunger, died at birth on September 7, 1857.

M64 **Ulrich Schwartz**, born November 10, 1810, in the Chaluet valley, Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was baptized in Langnau on November 18, 1810, in the Reformed Church. He married **Anna Liechti** at Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on October 11, 1836. She was born in Court on June 24, 1813. He united with the *Taufer* (Mennonite) in 1831. They, with two of their children, came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio in the spring of 1851. She and her two children died after their arrival.

He came to Newville in Adams County, Indiana in 1854. Here he married **Anna Barbara Kipfer** (M26.3) on June 8, 1855 in Wells County, Indiana. At first they lived near Auburn, Indiana then moved to near Vera Cruz. Six of their children married grandchildren of Benedict Baumgartner and his wives, Anna Roth and Anna Heubacher. At first this family was Mennonite, but when Strahm began the Apostolic Christian Church, they went with him. Anna was a sister of Ulrich Kipfer III who gave leadership in forming this new congregation. They may have been among the first ones to be rebaptized by Bella. Ulrich died September 29, 1887, and Anna Barbara on March 11, 1901. They are buried in the Apostolic Christian cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. They with their eleven children are listed in chapter 7 under (AC15).

M65 **Christian Beer**, born September 4, 1825, in the community of Trub, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died March 26, 1911, in Berne, Indiana. He was married **Anna Barbara Dubach** on May 24, 1850, by the Reformed Pastor in the village of Trub. She was born June 25, 1831, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died February 23, 1879, in Berne, Indiana. The family came to the United States to Holmes County, Ohio on May 17, 1852, then on April 2, 1853, to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. On December 1, 1854, they arrived in Wells County, Indiana, but on December 15, 1854, they settled in Adams County. On October 10, 1902, he married **Anna B. Baumgartner** (M4.4) with Pastor Edwin Vornholt of the Berne Reformed Church officiating. She was a granddaughter of Elder David Baumgartner and the widow of Abraham K. Amstutz. Three of her siblings had been married in the Reformed Church and she must have eventually joined there as well. The Beer children went in various directions. Five were married by the Mennonite pastor S.F. Sprunger, Jonas' marriage was by a Reformed pastor, and Lydia and Eli's marriages were by the Evangelical

Church pastor. His net worth in 1860 was $400.

M65.1 Maria Beer, born August 7, 1851, died June 12, 1852, in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland.

M65.2 Maria Beer, born May 12, 1853, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, married John Wittwer on March 4, 1888, in Berne, Indiana.

M65.3 Elisabeth Beer, born August 8, 1854, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, died May 6, 1860 in Adams County, Indiana.

M65.4 Peter Beer, born March 21, 1857, in Adams County, Indiana, married Elisabeth Sprunger (M37.3) on October 9, 1881.

M65.5 Abraham Beer, born December 15, 1859, married Anna Sprunger (M37.8) on December 19, 1883. She died July 18, 1885. He then married Catharina Liechty (M67.3) on August 29, 1886.

M65.6 Isaac Beer, born June 15, 1861, married Caroline Fox on July 17, 1887. They were married by the Mennonite minister, S.F. Sprunger, but they later joined the Cross Reformed Church.

M65.7 Jonas Beer, born May 22, 1863, married Sarah Moser (M48.12)on August 24, 1889.

M65.8 Japhet Beer, born September 12, 1864, died November 7, 1915 in Adams County, Indiana.

M65.9 Christian C. Beer, born August 30, 1866, married Sarah Ellenberger on December 9, 1888. They were married by the Mennonite minister S. F. Sprunger, but later united with the Cross Reformed Church.

M65.10 Lydia Beer, born April 22, 1868, married William Fox on October 5, 1888. They were married by an Evangelical Association minister, but later united with the Cross Reformed Church.

M65.11 Eli Beer, born March 9, 1870, married Liseta Liechty on May 15, 1891.

M66 **Peter C. Steiner** (M7.7) was born June 15, 1827, in the Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He married **Verena Stauffer** (M10.2) on October 15, 1853, in Adams County, Indiana. When Christian Augsburger left the Baumgartner Mennonite Church to start his own congregation in 1869, Peter and family went with him. Initially services were held once every three weeks in the homes of members. Peter was ordained as a Deacon in the church on March 31, 1888, by Elder Johann Kreider of Clark County, Ohio. Several of the children married spouses from the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

M66.1 Daniel Steiner, born January 29, 1856, died July 27, 1856.

M66.2 Christina Steiner, born April 15, 1857, married John Neuhauser on March 7, 1883.

M66.3 David Steiner, born February 18, 1859, married Ella Kyson.

M66.4 John P. Steiner, born December 31, 1860, married Lydia French.

M66.5 Rosina Steiner, born July 28, 1863, married Jacob Neuhauser on April 9, 1887.

M66.6 Sarah Steiner, born October 3, 1865, married Peter Biberstein on January 1, 1885.

M66.7 Maria Steiner, born November 25, 1867, died July 27, 1888.

M66.8 Emma Steiner, born December 11, 1869, died July 4, 1870.

M66.9 Elisabeth Steiner, born December 21, 1870, died January 12, 1871.

M66.10 Amos Steiner, born January 7, 1872, married Nellie Shephard, and then Katherina Neuenschwander on September 9, 1910.

M66.11 Anna Steiner, born April 15, 1874, married Moses Augsburger (M13.5) on April 15, 1890.

M67 **Christian Liechty**, born June 10, 1832, on Tschabuni, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Katharina Lehman**, on January 31, 1852. on Montagne de Sonceboz, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born March 23, 1826, at Bramung, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died August 27, 1861, in Adams County. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and to Adams County, Indiana on February 15, 1855. He married **Anna Oberly** on December 5, 1861, in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana in the home of his brother-in-law Ulrich Amstutz. She was born December 2, 1826, at Sur la Cote, Souboz, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died October 21, 1901, in Allen County, Ohio. The family moved to Bluffton, Ohio on October 21, 1880. Christian returned to Berne, Indiana on January 29, 1904, and then went back to Bluffton on October 4, 1906. He

died there in 1918.

M67.1 Anna Liechty, born January 30, 1854, married Stephen Sprunger (M69.4) on October 31, 1874.

M67.2 David Liechty, born February 16, 1856, died April 8, 1858 in Adams County, Indiana.

M67.3 Catherine Liechty, born June 15, 1857, married Abraham Beer (M65.5) on August 29, 1886.

M67.4 Sarah Liechty, born January 7, 1859, married John Winteregg on February 21, 1886.

M67.5 Leah Liechty, born November 14, 1860, married Cleophas Neuenschwander (M24.5) on February 28, 1899, in Bluffton, Ohio.

Children of Anna Oberli

M67.6 David Liechty, born October 9, 1862, married Leah Geiger on October 25, 1887 in Pandora, Ohio.

M67.7 Verena Liechty, born March 10, 1864, died February 21, 1910.

M67.8 Noah Liechty, born October 19, 1866, may have died early.

M67.9 Marianna Liechty, born June 2, 1870, may have died early.

M68 **Jacob Steiner**, born July 15, 1830, on Le Jean Guie, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Elisabeth Liechti** on March 10, 1853. She was born December 16, 1830, in the Chaluet valley, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. This couple left for the United States two months after their marriage. They arrived in Wayne County, Ohio on June 24, 1853, and then on November 8, 1855, they settled in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. He was the janitor of the Baumgartner church for a number of years. They moved into Berne on March 16, 1897. She died July 28, 1919, and he on December 19, 1919. Both are buried in the MRE cemetery. In 1860 his net worth was $800.

M68.1 Samuel Steiner, born February 28, 1853, married Marianna Sprunger (M37.2)on April 27, 1878.

M68.2 John Steiner, born February 12, 1856, married Verena Moser on February 3, 1887.

M68.3 son Steiner, born July 13, 1858, died July 14, 1858, in Adams County, Indiana.

M68.4 Jacob B. Steiner, born June 30, 1860, married Rosina Sprunger (M39.3) on February 15, 1891.

M68.5 Sarah Steiner, born July 6, 1862, died September 8, 1863, in Adams County, Indiana.

M68.6 Rebecca Steiner, born March 30, 1864, married Elias Riesen on November 18, 1888.

M68.7 Fredrick Steiner, born April 5, 1866, married Ida Eley, March 9, 1893.

M68.8 Maria A. Steiner, born September 16, 1868, died November 4, 1956.

M68.9 Christina Steiner, born December 25, 1870, died November 8, 1945.

M68.10 Anna Steiner, born September 22, 1873, married Daniel Stauffer on September 24, 1898.

M69 **Peter E. Sprunger**, born February 27, 1820, at La Tanne, Dachsfeldenberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died September 10, 1904, in Adams County, Indiana. He married **Barbara Zurcher** on May 4, 1841, on Montagne de Courgemont, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born January 8, 1807, on Talvogne, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died January 25, 1888, in Adams County, Indiana. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and from there to Adams County, Indiana on April 12, 1855. He was in the lot for a minister in the Berne Mennonite Church on April 13, 1856. In the summer of 1891 he went with minister S.F. Sprunger and three other men went to Switzerland for a visit. His death was attributed to chronic cystitis. She may have been buried in the old Berne cemetery, and he was buried in the MRE cemetery. In Switzerland they lived on the farm Brichon, Moutier, Canton Bern and their children were born there. In 1860 his net worth was $980.

M69.1 Verena Sprunger, born April 30, 1842, married Christian Scheidegger on April 21, 1864.

M69.2 Anna Sprunger, born September 27, 1843, married Jacob Sprunger on September 26, 1863.

M69.3 Johan P. Sprunger, born July 27, 1846, married Elisabeth J. Lehman on March 12, 1874, in the Sonnenberg community of Wayne County, Ohio.

M69.4 Stephen Sprunger, born May 11, 1848, married Anna Liechty (M67.1) on October

31, 1874.

M70 **Michael Gerber**, born July 7, 1832, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, died March 8, 1895, in Riverside, Ness County, Kansas. He married **Katharina Moser** on Nov. 30, 1855, in the home of minister Ulrich Kipfer, French Township, Adams County, Indiana. She was born June 18, 1829, in the Chaluet valley, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Katharina came to the United States with her parents to Wayne County, Ohio on July 6, 1854. Michael and Katharina came to Wells County, Indiana as single persons. She died March 10, 1877, in Wells County, Indiana. Sometime later he married Barbara Falb. Their children were born in Lancaster Township, Wells County, Indiana. He was in the Swiss Mennonite community in Ness County, Kansas when he died. His net worth in 1860 was $3,000.

M70.1 Thomas Gerber, born December 3, 1856, married a woman named Frey.

M70.2 Philip Gerber, born January 18, 1858, married a woman named Frey.

M70.3 Marianna Gerber, born February 12, 1859, married John P. Brecy on December 2, 1883 in Bluffton, Ohio.

M70.4 Enoch Gerber, born October 16, 1860, died November 6, 1860.

M70.5 Sarah Gerber, born November 21, 1861, died August 22, 1862.

M70.6 Benjamin Gerber, born December 25, 1862, died August 14, 1880.

M70.7 Ruth Gerber, born March 8, 1867, married Jacob Haury.

M70.8 Martha Gerber, born July 7, 1868, married Benjamin Habegger on September 30, 1886 in Bluffton, Ohio.

M70.9 Elisabeth Gerber was born May 14, 1875.

M71 **David Sprunger**, born July 5, 1836, on La Tanne, Dachsfelden, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died December 25, 1916. He married January 1, 1857, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio to **Barbara J. Lehman** She was born September 16, 1833, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio and died August 8, 1874, in Adams County, Indiana. David came with his parents to the U.S. to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852. After their marriage David and Barbara came to Adams County, Indiana on March 12, 1857. They returned to Wayne County, Ohio on Feb. 11, 1858. On March 10, 1859, they again came to Adams County, Indiana. They lived one and a half miles east of Berne in 1876. Following the death of Barbara, he married **Regina Moser** on August 3, 1876. She was born May 21, 1847, on Wustmatt, Delsberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died July 19, 1908. They had moved into Berne on March 6, 1906. He had a good voice and was one of the song leaders that sat at the song leaders' table in the Berne church. When a second church building was erected, he purchased the first building for $25.00 and with the wood built horse sheds to be used when people came to the new church building[24]. All but one of their children were born in Adams County. In 1860 his net worth was $1,750.

M71.1 Elisabeth Sprunger, born November 3, 1857, married Peter Schneck on April 8, 1880.

M71.2 Joshua Sprunger, born December 24, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Anna Elisabeth Habegger on May 14, 1888.

M71.3 Isaac Sprunger, born December 22, 1859, married Dina Moser on March 15, 1888, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio.

M71.4 Rosina Sprunger, born August 6, 1861, died August 29, 1861.

M71.5 Philemon Sprunger, born July 17, 1862, married Lydia Luginbill on October 21, 1883. She died March 20, 1887. He then married Elisabeth Schneck on November 8, 1888. She died August 24, 1904. Then on March 16, 1920, he married Sarah Sprunger.

M71.6 Judith Sprunger, born July 9, 1864, married Ulrich Lehman (M40.3) on October 21, 1883.

M71.7 Amos Sprunger, born October 11, 1865, married Carolina Furrer on August 31, 1913.

M71.8 Anna Sprunger, born August 31, 1867, married Joel Lehman (M40.4) on September 30, 1888.

M71.9 Carolina Sprunger, born February 9, 1869, married Christian C. Moser on November 16, 1890.

M71.10 Barbara Sprunger, born March 29, 1871, married Amos Burkhalter on August 20, 1899.

M71.11 daughter Sprunger was stillborn on September 14, 1873.

M71.12 Maria Sprunger was born August 2, 1874, and died September 9, 1874. Her mother died six days after her birth.

Children of Regina.

M71.13 Emil Sprunger, born August 14, 1877, died September 5, 1877.

M71.14 Adel Sprunger, born August 12, 1878, married David P. Sommer on April 10, 1900.

M71.15 Neoma Sprunger, born October 8, 1880, married Franklin B. Amstutz on October 28, 1902.

M71.16 Caleb Sprunger, born August 19, 1882, married Ottilla Sprunger on December 21, 1905.

M71.17 Delila Sprunger, born October 9, 1884, married Edwin C. Baumgartner on January 4, 1906.

M71.18 Esther Sprunger, born April 14, 1887, married Adolph Sprunger on April 20, 1919.

M71.19 Lila Sprunger, born April 14, 1890, married Wilbert Nussbaum on October 19, 1913.

M71.20 Martin Luther Sprunger, born February 2, 1893, married Linda Cora Luginbill on April 22, 1917.

M72 **Christian P. Neuenschwander**, born November 23, 1812, at La Tanne, Delsberg, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died November 5, 1884, in Adams County, Indiana. He married **Anna Lehman** (No. 4 in The Peter A. Lehman Family) on October 26, 1844, at La Tanne. She was born February 23, 1825, at La Rochette, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died May 28, 1886, in Adams County, Indiana. They arrived in Wayne County, Ohio on May 13, 1845. They went to Putnam County, Ohio arriving July 17. On April 24, 1849, they were in Polk County, Iowa, and finally on April 4, 1856, they came to Adams County, Indiana. Their first two children were born in Putnam County, Ohio, and children three through six were born in Polk County, Iowa. The remainder were born in Adams County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $3,100.

M72.1 Catherine Neuenschwander, born October 22, 1845, married Jacob Wulliman (M43.3) on April 2, 1868.

M72.2 Jacob C. Neuenschwander, born July 19, 1848, married Elisabeth Stauffer (M10.5) on December 26, 1872.

M72.3 Rachel Neuenschwander, born December 23, 1849, married David Stauffer (M10.3) on April 2, 1868.

M72.4 Adaline Neuenschwander, born October 7, 1851, married Christian J. Liechty on January 27, 1878.

M72.5 Christian C. Neuenschwander, born April 19, 1853, married Marianna Stauffer (M10.7) on January 29, 1876.

M72.6 Abraham C. Neuenschwander, born April 7, 1855, married Katharina Luginbill (M18.8) on December 29, 1878.

M72.7 David C. Neuenschwander, born June 2, 1857, in Adams County, Indiana, married Catherine P. Lehman on February 7, 1883.

M72.8 Anna Neuenschwander, born January 1, 1859, died August 8, 1864.

M72.9 Verena Neuenschwander, born August 31, 1860, married Aaron Neuenschwander (M62.1) on March 8, 1888. He died April 20, 1886. She then married Abraham Schneck (M33.3) on August 29, 1897.

M72.10 Joel Neuenschwander, born June 20, 1862, died July 8, 1862.

M72.11 Marianna Neuenschwander, born August 20, 1863, died July 30, 1864. A twin.

M72.12 Elisabeth Neuenschwander, born August 20, 1863, married Japhet F. Lehman (M31.5) on February 7, 1883.

M72.13 Leah Neuenschwander, born December 31, 1865, married Ernst Franz on March 9, 1890.

M72.14 Lydia Neuenschwander, born January 31, 1868, died March 26, 1878.

M73 **Christian Steiner** born Sept. 8, 1791, at Sonceboz, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died July 16, 1856, Adams County, Indiana. He married **Regina Nussbaum** in Biel, Canton Bern, January 22, 1820. She was born August 21, 1791, at Leuterkofen, Canton Solothurn, Switzerland and died August 8, 1875, in Wayne County, Ohio. They lived on the farm Le Hubeli, so was called "Hubaler" to differentiate him from another man with the same name. Two of their children left for America earlier, Barbara and

Peter Nussbaum came in 1852, and Jacob with Elizabeth came in 1853. The parents with daughter Rebecca came to the United States arriving in Wayne County, Ohio on April 24, 1855. They arrived in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana on June 13, 1856. Their first three children were born on Le Hubeli, and the last on Le Jean Guie in the Jura.

M73.1 Barbara Steiner, born April 20, 1820, in Switzerland, married Peter Nussbaum (M46) on December 31, 1842. He died in October 1855. She then married Jacob Huser on October 13, 1862. Peter and Barbara came to the United States in 1852.

M73.2 Rebecca Steiner, born June 3, 1824, died August 2, 1905.

M73.3 Christian Steiner, born August 15, 1829, died October 18, 1847 in Switzerland.

M73.4 Jacob Steiner (M68), born July 15, 1830, married Elisabeth Liechti on March 10, 1853, before coming to the United States, arriving in June.

M74 **Fredrick Moseman**, born May 14, 1837, in Trachselwald, Summiswald, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died July 26, 1870, in Wells County, Indiana. He was married to **Elisabeth Merillat** (M6.1) on April 29, 1857, in Wells County, by an Evangelical minister. She was born Feb. 9, 1834, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, and died January 16, 1867, in Wells County, Indiana. He came to the U.S. to Wayne County, Ohio on July 23, 1847 and to Adams County on May 25, 1848. After their wedding they settled near Vera Cruz, Indiana on May 14, 1857. He married a second time to **Elisabeth Neuenschwander** on February 3, 1869. She was born on the farm Cras de-Pois, on Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, the daughter of Peter Neuenschwander and Magdalena Schnegg. Her mother's second marriage was to Ulrich M. Neuenschwander (M53). Fredrick and Elisabeth moved into Vera Cruz, Indiana on February 24, 1869. She died in Decatur, Indiana on June 20, 1916, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

M74.1 Emmanuel Moseman was born April 12, 1858. He may have died young.

M74.2 Lucinda Moseman, born April 2, 1859, died in June 1912.

M74.3 Joel Moseman, born May 11, 1861, died in 1901.

M74.4 Lisa Moseman, born January 27, 1863, died May 11, 1913.

M74.5 Latino Moseman, was born August 8, 1864. He may have died young.

M74.6 Elisabeth Moseman, born January 11, 1867, died March 12, 1867.

Child of the second wife.

M74.7 William Moseman, born October 20, 1869, died May 24, 1872.

M75 **David Reusser**, born September 5, 1813, on Nidauberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died February 2, 1896, in Moundridge, Kansas. He married **Katharina Utz** on June 7, 1840, in New York City, New York. She was born February 29, 1808, on Trondai, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died February 14, 1889, in Moundridge, Kansas. They arrived in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on June 30, 1840. Here they were both baptized in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on Good Friday, April 14, 1843,, by minister Ulrich Sommer. They moved to Hancock County, Ohio on May 25, 1847. From there they went to Polk County, Iowa on October 16, 1849. They came in Adams County, Indiana on December 30, 1857, with the entire family. On April 3, 1877, he and his wife, with some of their children, moved to Harvey County, Kansas. They are buried in the cemetery of First Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kansas. In 1860 his net worth was $1,900.

M75.1 Jacob Reusser (M76), born June 21, 1840, in Stark County, Ohio, married Katharina Sprunger (M81.10) on November 7, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana. She died August 27, 1904. He then married Marianna R. Sprunger on January 18, 1906, in the home of Fred Rohrer in Berne. This family remained in Berne, Indiana.

M75.2 David D. Reusser, born September 15, 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Katherina Burkholder on September 15, 1865. They moved to Harvey County, Kansas with his parents on April 3, 1877.

M75.3 Katharina Reusser, born January 7, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio, and married John P. Luginbill (M17.2) on October 1, 1868. They were the first of the family to move to Harvey

County, Kansas on August 8, 1876.

M75.4 Abraham Reusser, born January 10, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Verena Welty on October 28, 1868, in Putnam County, Ohio. They moved to the community of Moundridge, Kansas. They moved to Harvey County, Kansas with Katharina and John P. Luginbill.

M75.5 Christian Reusser, born October 31, 1847, in Union Township, Hancock County, Ohio, married Rebecca Neuenschwander on August 1, 1874, in Vera Cruz, Indiana. They moved to Harvey County, Kansas on April 3, 1877, with his parents. After the death of his parents, they returned to Berne, Indiana, leaving some of the children in Kansas.

M76 **Jacob Reusser** (M75.1), born June 21, 1840, in Stark County, Ohio, died July 20, 1916. He married **Katharina Sprunger** (M81.10) on November 7, 1861, in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana. She was born Nov. 10, 1833, at La Tanne, Dachsfelden, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died August 27, 1904, in Berne, Indiana. He came with his parents to Adams County, Indiana on December 30, 1857. She came with her parents to Adams County, Indiana on April 5, 1861. They settled in Monroe Township, Adams County on April 14, 1862. Following her death, he married **Marianna R. Sprunger** on January 18, 1906. She was born September 27, 1865, on Les Fontaines, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Thus he was twenty-five years older than she. She died January 27, 1941. They are buried in the MRE cemetery.

M76.1 Caroline Reusser, born August 4, 1862, married Solomon Habegger on April 15, 1883.

M76.2 Rosina Reusser, born August 4, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana, married Christian C. Sprunger on January 29, 1882.

M76.3 William Reusser, born August 7, 1864, married Sarah Kirchhofer on February 7, 1886. He was a dairy farmer.

M76.4 Maria Reusser, born March 24, 1866, married Simon Gilliom on November 30, 1884.

M76.5 Emma Reusser, born March 12, 1868, married Fred Rohrer on November 16, 1893. Fred was born in Switzerland, December 9, 1867. On April 26, 1883, he left Switzerland with his parents and came to the United States, arriving in New York on May 9, 1883. He worked in Wayne County, Ohio for three years prior to coming to Adams County, Indiana. He had completed the equivalent of High School in Bern, Switzerland, so he enrolled in Tri-State Normal College in Angola, Indiana where he graduated cum laude in 1896. While in Angola he worked for the Steuben Republican paper and learned the printer's trade. Returning to Berne, he began publishing "The Berne Witness" on September 3, 1896. Fred led the campaign to eliminate the sale of liquor in Berne. The effort was started in 1902 and was achieved in 1919. During this campaign Rohrer's house was dynamited and he was personally assaulted four times.[25]

M76.6 Amos Reusser, born December 21, 1869, married Clara H. Bixler on September 6, 1896. He was one of the early teachers of a Sunday school class in English in the Berne Mennonite Church. He served as the church librarian for six years. After completing his education in Berne he attended Tri-State Normal in Angola, Indiana for two years and then taught school for three years. After deciding to become a physician he enrolled in the Homeopathic Medical School in Chicago and studied there three years. During the summer months he worked under Dr. Ernest Franz. After completing the course in Chicago in March 1897, he returned to Berne and began his own practice.[26]

M76.7 Adina Reusser, born March 22, 1873, married Emmett Orr on April 15, 1901.

M76.8 Heinrich Menno Reusser, born November 14, 1875, married Elizabeth Lugibuhl on November 15, 1900.

M77 **Christian (Bichsel) Bixler** was born June 3, 1826, in Wayne County, Ohio. He married **Frances Coolin** about 1855. They came to Adams County around 1857-58. They must not have remained in Adams County for they are not listed in Lehman's Register. He is listed in the Bixel Family History but the children have only approximate birth years. Thus, the family did not keep in close touch with the rest of the family. As Frances was not a Mennonite, it was easier for them to get lost. In 1860 his net worth was $1,200.

M77.1 Elizabeth Bixler was born about 1856, in Ohio.

M77.2 Mary Bixler was born about 1858, in Adams County, Indiana.

M77.3 Barbara Bixler was born in 1859, in Adams County, Indiana.

M78 **Peter E. Moser** (M9.4), was born November 25, 1831, at La Combe, Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States with his parents in 1832 and to Adams County, Indiana in 1839. He went to Putnam County, Ohio to marry **Anna Amstutz** on January 28, 1859. She was born August 5, 1839, in Putnam County, Ohio. They made their home in Adams County. In 1860 his net worth in 1860 was $1,550.

M78.1 Daniel D. Moser, born May 29, 1859, married Melinda Fox on January 4, 1887.

M78.2 John M. Moser, born January 3, 1861, died February 3, 1892.

M78.3 Adam Moser, born March 27, 1864, died December 30, 1944.

M78.4 Sarah Moser, born August 24, 1867, married John Biberstein on February 9, 1889.

M78.5 Katharina Moser, born March 19, 1871, may have died young.

M78.6 Mary L. Moser, born March 28, 1873, married Alfred Edward Kohler on March 6, 1897.

M78.7 Emma Moser, born December 1, 1875, married Jacob A. Neuenschwander on December 2, 1905.

M79 **Niklaus Steffen** was born in 1834 in Eggiwil, Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Barbara A. Lehman** on April 4, 1854, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. She was born August 27, 1828, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, Niklaus came with his parents to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio in the Spring of 1853. This family came to Adams County, Indiana on March 8, 1859. Niklaus and Barbara were divorced in the Spring of 1863. Barbara and the children then moved to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio in August 14, 1863. On April 2, 1877, Barbara and the children moved to the community of Silverton, Oregon where Barbara died August 23, 1909. His net worth in 1860 was $1,900.

M79.1 Elisabeth Steffen, born January 3, 1855, in Wayne County, Ohio, died June 25, 1899.

M79.2 Maria Steffen, born January 24, 1857, in Wayne County, Ohio, died February 1860 in Adams County, Ohio.

M79.3 Abraham Steffen was born January 18, 1859, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M79.4 Peter Steffen was born May 5, 1861, in Adams County, Ohio.

M80 **Carl Otto M. Wittwer**, born June 14, 1818, Chemises, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died April 3, 1904, southwest of Berne, Indiana. He married **Barbara Zurfluh** August 20, 1844, in the Chaluet valley, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born April 11, 1819, on Graitery, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died February 5, 1865, in Adams County, Indiana. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on June 17, 1857, and to Adams County on March 24, 1859. Barbara died February 5, 1865. Carl then married **Louisiana Brinnerin** on October 18, 1866, in Vera Cruz, Indiana. She was born May 23, 1824, in Wheeling, Pennsylvania, and died April 28, 1889, in Adams County, Indiana. Carl was married a third time to **Katharina R. Sprunger** on October 13, 1891. She was born on Montagne de Sombeval, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died September 22, 1903

M80.1 John Wittwer, born June 4, 1845, on Graitery, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Marianna Riff on September 28, 1867. She died February 4, 1884. He then married Maria Beer on March 4, 1888.

M80.2 David S. Wittwer, born March 29, 1848, in the Chaluet valley, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Judith Conrad on January 29, 1880, in Washington County, Iowa.

M80.3 Marianna Wittwer, born September 29, 1851, at Eschert, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Jacob Bracker on March 23, 1876.

M80.4 Anna Wittwer, born November 7, 1855, at Eschert, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married Peter C. Moser on June 13, 1895.

M80.5 Christian C. Wittwer, born June 24, 1857, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, married Josephine Baumgartner on September 11,

1887.

M80.6 Elisabeth Wittwer, born December 5, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Peter D. Roth on April 16, 1880.

M80.7 Dina Wittwer, born October 21, 1860, in Adams County, Indiana, married Friedrich Arn on September 28, 1890.

M80.8 Rosina Wittwer, born February 20, 1863, died November 7, 1864.

M81 **Barbara Lehman** was born December 19, 1796, at Le Vion, Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died Nov. 29, 1877, in Adams County, Indiana. She was married on March 4, 1816, to **Johann (John) Sprunger**, born March 10, 1793, on Montagne de La Heutte, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died May 1, 1853, in Wayne County, Ohio. In Switzerland he was in the lot for a Deacon on November 6, 1839, and was chosen. The family came to the United States arriving in Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852. She came to Adams County on April 5, 1861, where her children were living. Their children were born on La Tanne, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

M81.1 Anna Sprunger, born March 6, 1817, died in infancy.

M81.2 Barbara Sprunger, born March 14, 1818, married Christian Lehmann on March 8, 1838, in Switzerland.

M81.3 Peter E. Sprunger (M69), born February 27, 1820, married Barbara Zurcher on May 4, 1841.

M81.4 Abraham J. Sprunger (M82), born April 30, 1822, married Katharina Zingg on January 5, 1847. She died October 8, 1866. He then married Marianna Ramseier on March 30, 1870.

M81.5 Johann J. Sprunger, born November 9, 1824, married Barbara Lehmann on November 4, 1848. She is No. 2 in The Peter (B) Lehman Family. She died April 7, 1879. He then married Katharina Schneck on February 6, 1886.

M81.6 Anna Sprunger, born October 11, 1826, married Christian B. Lehman (M58) on January 4, 1847.

M81.7 Christian Sprunger (M37), born April 10, 1828, married Marianna Lehman on June 3, 1852. He was selected by lot on April 23, 1856, to serve as a preacher in the Berne congregation. Then on March 17, 1868, he was chosen to serve as an Elder. He made his living by farming.

M81.8 Jacob Sprunger, born July 9, 1830, died December 6, 1832.

M81.9 Elisabeth Sprunger, born April 29, 1832, married Ulrich Amstutz (M60) on May 20, 1859. He died October 31, 1869. She then married Isaac Zurcher on April 29, 1874.

M81.10 Katharina Sprunger, born November 10, 1833, married Jacob Reusser (M76) on November 7, 1861.

M81.11 David Sprunger, born July 5, 1836, married Barbara J. Lehman on January 1, 1857. She died August 8, 1874. He then married Regina Moser on August 3, 1876.

M81.12 Marianna Sprunger, born September 3, 1838, married John Gilliom (M83) on January 1, 1857.

M82 **Abraham J. Sprunger**, (M81.4) born April 30, 1822, on La Tanne, Dachsfeldenberg, Moutier, Switzerland, died January 17, 1903, in Berne, Indiana. He married **Katharina Zingg** January 5, 1847, on La Tanne. She was born April 25, 1820, on Montagne de Courgemont, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died October 8, 1866, Adams County, Indiana. They came to the United States to Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852, and then to Adams County, Indiana on April 5, 1861. Katharina died October 8, 1866. Abraham then married **Marianna Ramseier** who had come on her own to the United States. She went first to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on October 5, 1869, and then to Adams County, arriving on November 18, 1869. There is no record of her death and burial, so she may have moved away after Abraham J. died. He had a good voice and was one of the song leaders in the Berne congregation, sitting at the table with others who led the singing.

M82.1 Karolina Sprunger, born October 5, 1849, died June 17, 1848 in the Jura.

M82.2 Marianna Sprunger, born January 25, 1849, married Abraham S. Lehman on December 28, 1871. He died August 2, 1889. She then married Daniel Franz on April 16, 1893.

M82.3 Niklaus Sprunger, born December 14, 1850, died April 3, 1852.

M82.4 Elisabeth Sprunger, born January 16, 1852, died April 3, 1852.

M82.5 daughter Sprunger was stillborn on the way to the United States on April 24, 1852. She was born just four days before the family arrived in New York and was buried at sea.

M82.6 Katherine Sprunger, born June 22, 1854, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, married Friedrich Sprunger on December 5, 1872.

M82.7 David S. Sprunger, born February 20, 1856, married Katherine J. Lehman on March 3, 1878.

M82.8 Daniel Z. Sprunger, born April 26, 1857, married Caroline Boegli on March 14, 1880.

M82.9 Simeon Sprunger, born February 1, 1859, married Emma Huser on October 10, 1880. She died October 2, 1893. He then married Rachel R. Sprunger on March 18, 1894.

M82.10 son Sprunger, was still born March 28, 1862.

M82.11 daughter Sprunger, was stillborn October 3, 1863.

M82.12 daughter Sprunger, was stillborn September 5, 1866. Mother Barbara died a month later.

Children of Marianna.

M82.13 Dina R. Sprunger, born October 2, 1871, married Louis Habegger on December 11, 1900.

M82.14 Elisabeth Sprunger, born October 29, 1873, died December 30, 1879.

M83 **John Gilliom**, born May 22, 1829, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio, died October 29, 1901, in Allen County, Ohio. He married **Marianna Sprunger** (M81.12) on January 1, 1857, in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio. She was born September 3, 1838, at La Tanne, Dachsfeldenberg, Moutier, Canton, Bern, Switzerland, and died December 6, 1876, in Adams County, Indiana, a mile south of Bern. Marianna came with her parents to the U.S. arriving in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio on May 7, 1852. Johann and Marianna came to Adams County, Indiana on October 2, 1861, and purchased a farm. After Marianna's death, John married **Katherine Gerber** on October 26, 1878, in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Kidron, Ohio. She was born February 15, 1835, on Wisenfalle, Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She died about 1915, near Pandora, Ohio. On April 15, 1880, the family moved from Berne to Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio.

M83.1 daughter Gilliom was stillborn April 8, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio.

M83.2 Daniel Gilliom, born May 31, 1859, died August 6, 1861 in Wayne County.

M83.3 Anna Gilliom, born June 16, 1861, died June 28, 1861, in Wayne County.

M83.4 Christian Gilliom, born September 14, 1862, died September 23, 1863 in Adams County, Indiana.

M83.5 Rosina Gilliom, born July 17, 1864, married David G. Geiger.

M83.6 son Gilliom, was stillborn January 24, 1867, in Adams County, Indiana.

M83.7 Sarah Gilliom, born January 12, 1868, married Daniel Schumacher on October 20, 1887 in Pandora, Ohio.

M83.8 Catherine Gilliom, born October 6, 1870, married Peter P. Lugibihl on March 10, 1892, in Pandora, Ohio.

M83.9 Anna Gilliom, born February 27, 1873, married Christian C. Hilty about 1897, near Pandora, Ohio.

M83.10 Mary Anna Gilliom, born June 25, 1875, married Jacob C. Welty in December 1897.

M84 **John Augsburger** may be the son of Isaak and Magdalena (Oberli) Augsburger who was born March 11, 1800, in the community of Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. In the 1860 census he is listed as 60 years of age and married to **Susan** age 48, also of Switzerland. They likely did not remain in Adams County for long. Living with them was Elisabeth Moser who was 14 years of age. In 1860 his net worth was $800.

M84.1 Peter Augsburger, born about 1845 in Switzerland.

M84.2 Christina Augsburger, born about 1848 in Switzerland.

M85. **John (Johann) Moser** was born July 9, 1801, on Le Jean Gui, Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married to **Anna Barbara Hanni Moser** on June 10, 1834, at Petit Champoz, Moutier, Canton Bern. She was born December 15, 1807, likely in Leusigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland The family came to the United States to Wells County, Indiana in the spring of 1851. Their children were all born in

Switzerland, likely at Le Jean Gui. He died September 5, 1853, near Vera Cruz, Wells County, Indiana. They had purchased a farm in Harrison Township, Wells County, and the oldest son was old enough to take over the farming responsibilities. In 1860 her net worth was $1,860. She died November 25, 1868. It is not known where John and Anna Barbara are buried. Besides losing her husband, Anna Barbara lost six of her ten children prior to her death at sixty years of age.

M85.1 Jean Freidrich Moser was born September 20, 1835, and died June 20, 1867. He was a farmer.

M85.2 Elisabeth Moser was born November 26, 1836, and died January 18, 1902.

M85.3 Marianna Moser was born March 27, 1838, and died November 11, 1856.

M85.4 Anna Salome Moser was born June 6, 1839, and likely died young.

M85.5 Jacob J. Moser was born October 13, 1840, and died December 5, 1903.

M85.6 Anna Barbara Moser was born February 1, 1843, and died September 26, 1860.

M85.7 Carolina Moser was born February 5, 1845. She married a man whose surname was Buhler.

M85.8 Charles Benjamin Moser was born May 7, 1846. He likely died young.

M85.9 Rachel Moser was born November 28, 1847. She married Paul Geisel.

M85.10 David Moser was born September 20, 1850, and died March 30, 1861.

M86 **Jacob Bracker** was born about 1818, in Switzerland. He married **Anna Barbara Schrag** who was born about 1810, in Switzerland. They were living in Herzogenbuchsee, Wengen, Canton Bern, Switzerland prior to coming to the United States. In 1860 he had a net worth of $100. He had no personal property as yet so must have arrived shortly before the census taken came around.

M86.1 Jacob Bracker was born January 10, 1846, in their home in Switzerland. He married Leah Lehman on October 6, 1871. She died August 14, 1875. He then married Marianna Wittwer on March 23, 1876.

M86.2 Mary Ann Bracker was born about 1854 in Ohio.

Endnotes

1. Zurfluh does not mention that they traveled by train from Albany to Buffalo. Peter S. Lehman in his account of the trip wrote that they went by train. The railroad must have been recently completed as earlier travelers rode the barges on the Erie canal, a trip that took six days.

2. Zurfluh reports that Lake Erie was frozen far out into the lake, and that the ship had to break up the ice to make it through? This could not have been as they were on the lake the first week of May. There is no way of accounting for this part of his story.

3. Peter S. Lehman, Peter Gilliom, Eine Kurze Chronik Der Familie Lehmann. 1914. Translator unknown with some revision by David L. Habegger.

4. LDS film 2005536, Neuerrichteter Heimath Rodel, 66.

5. Eva Sprunger, *The First Hundred Years* (Berne, Indiana: 1938), 37, 59.

6. James O. Lehman, *Sonnenberg, A Haven and a Heritage (*Kidorn, Ohio: Kidron Community Council, Inc., 1969), 54.

7. Information on this family is from the Langnau Taufrodel; Samuel Lehman, *Familien Register*; and The Apostolic Christian Church History.

8. LDS film 2005529, Langnau Taufrodel.

9. His tombstone gives his birth year as 1813. Dates given are from the Langnau Taufrodel XI.

10. The Lehman families are detailed in David Habegger, *The Lehman Families of Langnau, Switzerland*, (Elverson, PA: Olde Springfield Shop, 1994).

11. Sprunger, 65.

12. Ibid, p. 13.

13. Ibid., 197.

14. Ibid., 12.

15. Ibid.,. 61, 75, 118, 257,

16. Ibid., 109, 145.

17. Ibid., 35, 103.

18. Ibid., 23.

19. Ibid., 23, 98

20. Ibid., 21.

21. Ibid., 15, 37, 38.

22. Ibid., 108.

23. Ibid., 12.

24. Ibid., 40.

25. Snow, 231; Naomi Lehman, *Pilgrimage of a Congregation*, (Berne, Indiana: First Mennonite Church, 1982), 351-353.

26. Snow, 293.

Chapter 6
The Amish from 1852 - 1862

Amish Congregation Continues

During the first decade that Amish families came to Adams and Wells counties, there were 37 who made their home in this area. During the next decade 38 more arrived, or were children who married and established their own homes. So by the end of 1862 there were a total of 75 Amish families who had made their home here. Almost all who came from Europe came from France, as did those who had come earlier.

The Amish at the beginning of this decade were moving into a time of change. Their culture and patterns of life had already been changing in France and Switzerland before they came to the United States. One indication of this was the erection of the first building for worship on the outskirts of Montbeliard, France on the road to Audincourt in 1833. Already in the late 1700s the upper room of a two-story -farm house at Les Gouttes, was regularly used for worship in lieu of rotating among the members' homes.

As this was happening in a more urban setting, the families to the south, in the hilly area of Saint Hippolyte, retained a more traditional and conservative way of life. It was here that members of the Schwartz, Ramseier, Graber, and Moser families lived. Another change was in their style of dress as can be seen in artists' paintings of Amish folk.

These outward changes were but symbols of some changes that were occurring within their inner life as well. The Pietistic movement was taking hold among the Mennonites in Germany and was being felt by the Amish and Mennonites coming to America as well. The Amish who settled in Butler County, especially the Augspurger family, had been very progressive farmers while in France, and they were well aware of larger trends in society. Even before coming to Adams County from Butler County, Ohio, Henry (Heinrich) Egly (A32), a man who would become a prominent Amish minister, was being influenced by this movement.

In the history of his life, Henry Egly records what he was experiencing in Butler County. He had some physical problems for three years, and these generated spiritual stress as well. He wrote, "In 1848 in the springtime as I was plowing in the field, I was very much afflicted and promised God that if He would help me out of that misery I would give myself fully to Him and serve Him. . . God heard my prayer and helped me in what I asked Him." The experience he had was characteristic of those who were influenced by evangelical preaching. He was twenty-four years of age and still single at the time. A few months later on August 3, he was married.

In coming to Adams County on August 24, 1850, Henry Egly was starting a new life in a variety of ways. Members of the Amish church responded positively to this dynamic young man for he was among those nominated for the office of Deacon in November even though he had been

in the community just a little more than two months. He was selected. As a Deacon he would have been called upon to preach on various occasions and must have made a good impression.

Thus it is not surprising that four years later, during a service on Pentecost, June 4, 1854, he was unanimously elected to serve as a preacher.

The reasons why Henry Egly was nominated for the Deacon position and then elected to serve as a minister may have been his keenness of mind, his ability to speak in public in an inspiring manner, and his above average wealth.[1] In the subsequent years Henry was able to take time off to read, write, and travel because he could afford to hire persons, in addition to his sons, to do the farm work.

Now that Egly was one of the preachers who took his turn giving sermons, and admonitions following the sermons of the others, he began to make his influence felt. He brought a new emphasis that came out of his own reflections and experience, and this emphasis differed from that of some of the other ministers. He emphasized that salvation depended upon a recognition of one's sinfulness, repentance for one's failures, and a personal experience of God's forgiveness and acceptance. The other ministers focused on the Gospels in which they read of Jesus calling people to follow him and to learn from him. Rather than a once for all conversion experience, they expected that people who responded to the call of Jesus would grow in faith and in the knowledge of God's will. This faith commitment would manifest itself in the way they lived out the teachings of their Lord in everyday life. Thus they began to feel uncomfortable with the direction Egly was moving.

The Evangelicals viewed all people as sinners from birth. To experience God's grace they needed to accept the sacrificial atonement of Christ's death. This meant a dying to self and a rebirth, which often was experienced in a dramatic, emotional conversion, often in response to a sermon that dealt with the human condition. The emphasis was upon what one might call a vertical relationship.

The *Taufer*, on the other hand, placed a strong emphasis upon horizontal relationships. God's love in Christ, which is accepted then affirmed in baptism, must be expressed in daily relationships with one's brothers and sisters and neighbors. The preachers spoke about living out God's will in everyday activities, about living as a disciple of Christ. A Christian is responsible not only to God, but also to the church - the body of Christ - for the way one lives, including how one lives in harmony with all of God's creation. Care for the land one farms was part of their devotion to God.

Since there were people in the church, including a couple of the ministers, who were responsive to the message Egly was presenting, he began to move more strongly in that direction. The opposition also grew and some ministers were threatening to silence him by having the congregation remove him from his position. Egly wrote, "There were many and grievous times." Both sides felt the tension growing. The congregation realized they needed help.

The crisis point came when it was decided that another Elder/Bishop was needed for the growing congregation. All the preachers were eligible for the lot. This raised a serious question for the church. What should be done since the group was now seriously divided on who should be considered eligible for the lot? The congregation sought the help of Amish ministers from Holmes County to oversee and direct the process. In January 1858 two Bishops and a preacher came: Levi and Moses Miller and Daniel Miller. The local Bishop of the congregation, Philip Huser (age 44), was present as well and he, apparently, was one of those who did not to want Egly serving as an Elder. Those who were eligible for the lot were the ministers John Rich (age 54), Peter Neuhauser (age 50), and Henry Egly (age 34). Aware of the feelings against Egly, the representatives from Holmes County met with him and questioned him about his faith. The answers that he gave were sufficiently satisfying that they decided there was no basis for not having him go through the lot with the other two. They trusted that God would use the lot to determine who should serve.

In a service when the lot was used to select a minister/preacher or Elder/Bishop it was a common practice to use as many hymn books or Bibles as there were candidates. A piece of paper with a scripture verse, such as Acts 1:24 or Proverbs 16:33, was placed in one of the books

before they were laid out on a table to indicate the person whom God had chosen. The candidates for the position remained in a separate room while the books were shuffled so that the congregation did not know which book contained the marker until they were opened. We do not know the order in which the men came to the table to select a book, but since Egly was the youngest he could well have been the last.

The congregation, with bated breath, watched as each book was opened, wondering whom God had chosen. The book that Egly picked up was the one with the marker. He was forthwith ordained as a Bishop.[2] It is to the credit of the ministers that they sought to live together amicably. For half a dozen years they functioned as a single brotherhood in two districts. Yet the differences between the ministers continued to fester and eventually erupted and split the Amish church in 1865. That is a story for another time.

The families that arrived and the resident young people who married and began to make their homes im Adams and Wells Counties are listed now in the order in which they arrived, or when resident young people were married.

Amish Who Arrived 1852 - 1862

A38 **John (Johannes) Schönbeck** was born October 19, 1798, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He married **Katherine (Oesch) Eash** about 1831.[3] She was born January 24, 1812, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. She was the daughter of Daniel Eash and Maria Schlabach, who came to the United States arriving on August 15, 1820, in Baltimore, Maryland on the ship *James*.[4] She was a sister of Christian Eash (A6). John came to the United States on September 30, 1826, arriving in Baltimore at age 28, likely still single. After marriage, they lived in Holmes County, Ohio. They came to Adams County, Indiana shortly after 1850.

The children anglicized the spelling of their name, Schönbeck, in different ways. The first eight children were born in Ohio and the last one in Adams County, Indiana. He died March 24, 1865, and she died August 8, 1879. In 1860 his net worth was $2,000.

A38.1 Daniel Shanebeck, born October 25, 1832, married Anna Klopfenstein (A33.12) on November 23, 1856.

A38.2 Christian O. Shanbeck, born January 30, 1834, married Lydia Troyer on September 19, 1858.

A38.3 John (Johann) J. Schenbeck, born January 22, 1837,married Barbara Huser (A12.3) on January 24, 1865. She died March 24, 1899. He then married Veronica (Fanny) Ehresman.

A38.4 Mary Schonbeck, born May 3, 1839, married Daniel Stoll on April 12, 1860 in Allen County, Indiana.

A38.5 Anna Schenbeck, born June 5, 1841, married Joseph Sauder on June 21, 1864.

A38.6 Magdalena Schenbeck, born June 16, 1845, died April 22, 1867.

A38.7 Jacob Schenbeck, born June 16, 1845, married Magdalena Egly (A32.2) on August 11, 1872. She died March 16, 1883, and he then married Anna Schindler (A11.7) on September 23, 1883. He was elected to serve as a Deacon in the Defenseless Mennonite Church on December 15, 1882, along with David Schindler (A9.6).

A38.8 Samuel Schenbeck, born June 18, 1849, died November 24, 1864. A38.9 Katharine Schenbeck, born July 17, 1853, in Adams County, Indiana, was first married to John Flory and had two children. Then on November 2, 1885, she married Christian Aeschliman.

A39 **Christian O. Shanbeck** (A38.2), born January 30, 1834, married **Lydia Troyer** on September 19, 1858. She was born June 14, 1838. He died March 29, 1907, and she on December 24, 1925.

A39.1 Daniel C. Shanbeck, born July 7, 1859, married Mary Mellinger on November 25, 1886.

A39.2 Elizabeth Shanbeck, born March 27, 1861, married Rudolph Glaseman.

A39.3 John Shanbeck, born September 20, 1863, married Janetta B. Peters on August 6, 1889.

A39.4 Cornelius C. Shanbeck, born March 8, 1866, married Mary Schrock on September 20, 1888.

A39.5 Samuel Shanbeck, born November 30, 1869, married Elizabeth Schrock on February 17, 1895.

A39.6 Sevilla Grace Shanbeck, born March 19, 1871, married Noah Gerig on December 3, 1893.

A39.7 Emma Shanbeck, born June 20, 1873, married Menno Souder on March 26, 1896.

A39.9 Mary Shanbeck, born September 16, 1880, married Edwin Charles Ehnert on July 7, 1901.

A39.10 David Shanbeck, died in infancy.

A39.11 Catherine Shanbeck, died in infancy.

A40 **Benedict Stucky**, born January 5, 1809, at Pfastatt, married **Verena Hochstetler** on February 27, 1844. He was the last of this family to arrive in the United States. This family arrived in New York on the ship *Challenge* on May 1, 1854. They likely came to Adams County where his brothers and sisters were living. Nothing is reported about the condition of his health, but he died about 1856, leaving his wife and five children. In 1860 the children were living with various relatives and friends in the Amish community. Verena apparently had moved to some other community for her name does not appear in the census record. In 1880 she was in Allen County, Indiana.

The children were all born on the farm Voujeoucourt, near Montbeliard, France.

A40.1 Anna Stucky, born February 2, 1845, was living with the Peter Schindler family in 1860. On September 24, 1871, she married the widower Joseph Klopfenstein, son of A33.2. His first wife was Fannie Schlatter (A7.1)

A40.2 Nicolas B. Stucky, born May 22, 1846, married Anna Zimmerman on June 29, 1869. He was living with the Jacob Goldschmidt family in 1860.

A40.3 Maria Stucky, born September 30, 1847, may be the Mary living with Peter Mosser family in 1860. She was married in Clinton County, Indiana on February 6, 1868 to Isaac Zimmerman, son of John Zimmerman and Anna Schneider. He has previously married Mary Sommer who was born in 1840 and died in 1867.

A40.4 Joseph Stucky, born December 24, 1848, was living with his uncle, Jacob Stucky in 1860. About 1876 he married Elisabeth Rediger, probably in Illinois. The family later lived in Kansas.

A40.5 Katharina Stucky, born September 25, 1850, was living with the Peter Schindler family, along with her sister Anna in both 1860 and 1870. She never married and died in Kansas.

A41 **Christian Stucky** (A 23.4), born July 22, 1828, at Richwiller, Thann, France, came to the United States with his parents in 1846. He married **Verena Mosser** (A52.11) on January 3, 1856. She was born March 10, 1838, in Orville, Ohio. They lived in Wayne County for about a year and then came to French Township, Adams County, Indiana, where they lived until 1902 when they moved to Linn Grove. He died July 4, 1906, and she on June 14, 1912. They are both buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite cemetery. In 1860 his net worth was $800.

A41.1 David Stucky, born March 10, 1857, married Barbara Rich (59.2) on October 19, 1884.

A41.2 Christian C. Stucky, born October 4, 1858, married Katherine (Katie) Fox on August 25, 1883.

A41.3 Solomon Stucky, born December 24, 1859, died in 1860.

A41.4 Abraham S. Stucky, born March 23, 1861, married Marianna Luginbill on January 9, 1883.

A41.5 Leah Stucky, born November 20, 1862, married Abraham Egly (A32.6) on September 23, 1883.

A41.6 Henry H. Stucky, born October 23, 1864, married Leah Riesen on October 17, 1891. She died April 7, 1914. He then married Ida E. Lehman on April 6, 1921.

A41.7 Katherina (Katie) C. Stucky, born August 15, 1866, married Peter N. Moser (A61.4) on February 15, 1891.

A41.8 Mary S. Stucky, born September 8, 1868, married Jacob C. Schindler (A58.3) on November 12, 1891.

A41.9 Lydia Stucky was born December 22, 1870.

A41.10 Rosina Stucky, born November 28, 1872, married Samuel Klopfenstein on February 5, 1898. He was the brother of Levi who married Rachel.

A41.11 Amos Stucky, born June 22, 1875, married Lena Dubach on December 11, 1900.

A41.12 Rachel Stucky, born May 12, 1879, married Levi M. Klopfenstein on February 17, 1900. He was a brother of Samuel who married Rosina.

A41.13 Fanny Stucky, born June 14, 1880, married Noah A. Baumgartner on May 10, 1904. He died April 5, 1915. She then married Adam

Augsburger on October 14, 1916.

A42 **Benjamin (Benedict) Stucky** (A23.6) born January 10, 1834, possibly at Richwiller, Thann, France, married **Anna Mosser** (A52.10) on March 22, 1859. She was born June 14, 1837[5] in Wayne County, Ohio. He came with his parents to Adams County, Indiana in 1846. She came in 1855. They lived for a time in Hickory County, Missouri. He died March 7, 1873, after which she married Michael Zehr on Nov. 24, 1878. She died on April 7, 1912. All three are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. In 1860 he was worth $1,500

A42.1 Catherine Stucky, born February 13, 1861, married Christian Roth (A67.1) on June 10, 1886.

A42.2 Mary Stucky, born August 31, 1862, married David (Fuchs) Fox (A56.3) on June 26, 1886.

A42.3 John C. Stucky was born October 2, 1865. He married Cora E. Michaels on January 23, 1887.

A42.4 Elizabeth Stucky died at birth on May 16, 1866.

A42.5 Joseph Stuckey, born August 21, 1867, married Elizabeth Anna Stauffer (M8.10) on February 16, 1890.

A42.6 Solomon Stucky was born July 1, 1869 in Hickory County, Missouri. He married Josephine Luginbill on February 13, 1895.

A42.7 Abraham Stucky, born January 8, 1872, died April 16, 1832.

A42.8 Sarah Stucky was born October 1, 1873. She married Walter Clark Stockwell on December 10, 1895.

A43 **Joseph Yoder** (A13.1) born March 31, 1823, in France, married **Katherine Stucky** (A24.6) about 1853. She was born May 6, 1832 at Richwiller, Thann, France. He came to the United States before his parents, about 1841. She came with her parents in 1846. Their children were born in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860, when the census taker came by, living with them was: his father Johannes, brothers Jacob and Christian, and sister Mary, as well as ten years old John S. Asch. She died May 22, 1893 and he on June 21, 1911. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. In 1860 his net worth was $ 2,000.

A43.1 Anna Yoder, born January 26, 1855, married Joseph D. Moser (A5.8) on September 4, 1887.

A43.2 Jacob Yoder, born about 1856, is listed in the 1860 census. He must have died young.

A43.3 John Yoder, born about 1859, is listed in the 1860 census. He must have died young.

A43.4 Christian Yoder, born March 1, 1861, married Judith Moeschberger on October 5, 1889, in Vera Cruz, Indiana.

A43.5 Peter Yoder, born October 26, 1863, married Fanny (Fronika) Moser (A5.12) on November 21, 1886.

A43.6 Catherine Yoder, born October 2, 1868, died November 6, 1891.

A43.7 Christine Yoder, born October 2, 1868, must have died early. She is listed in the 1870 census as age three, but not in the 1880 census.

A43.8 Rachel Yoder, born February 27, 1873, married John A. Bixler on May 2, 1901.

A44 **Jacob Goldsmith**, born June 14, 1824, in Alsace France, married **Susannah Egly** about 1849, possibly in Butler County, Ohio. She was born January 15, 1826, in Baden, Germany.

They likely came to Adams County about 1851 as their second child was born here. Susannah is a sister of minister Henry Egly (A32), and Jacob played a crucial role in supporting Henry when he decided to instigate a separation between those who supported him in the changes he wanted to make and those who were not supportive of the changes. It is possible that he was a preacher of the Word in the Amish church. The children who lived were born in Adams County. They later moved to Allen County, Ohio and are buried in Yaggy Cemetery. He died December 22, 1891, and she on November 8, 1906. His net worth in 1860 was $3,700.

A44.1 Joseph Goldsmith was born about 1850. He likely died in infancy.

A44.2 Henry Goldsmith, born November 27, 1851, married Elizabeth Witmer on April 13, 1880.

A44.3 Susannah Goldsmith, born September 25, 1854, married Joseph Witmer on February 26, 1878.

A44.4 Jacob Goldsmith, born about 1856, likely died in infancy.

A44.5 Magdalena Goldsmith, born January 26, 1862, married David Roth on February 23, 1882. He was a brother of Caroline who married Amos.

A44.6 Christian Goldsmith was born in 1865.

A44.7 Amos Goldsmith, born October 14, 1867, married Caroline Roth on November 13, 1888. She was a sister of David who married Magdalena.

A44.8 Rachel Goldsmith was born about 1869, likely died in infancy.

A45 **Joseph Kauffman** was born October 18, 1823, at Levoncourt, France. He is a brother of Daniel (A23). He married **Barbara (Elisabeth) Steiner** from a Mennonite family on April 8, 1851 in Wooster, Ohio.

They came to Adams County, Indiana shortly afterward as their children were all born here. He became a preacher in the Amish Church and then a Bishop. It is believed that when the church was split by Henry Egly, that Joseph, excommunicated Egly. He died January 15, 1884. The Decatur (Indiana) *Democrat* has an account of his death. He was walking to the woods to cut saplings for bobsled runners when he stumbled over something and fell on his axe cutting his jugular vein. He got up, walked about four steps, and fell again where he was found dead.[6] There is no information on her death. His net worth in 1860 was $3,600.

A45.1 Maria Kaufman, born March 27, 1853, married Christian Ropp. They lived near Brunner, Ontario.

A45.2 Regina Kaufman, born about 1855, married Albert Amann on November 13, 1884. They lived in Texas and Arkansas.

A45.3 Gideon Kaufman, February 8, 1860, married Annie Stoll on March 4, 1886 in Daviess County, Indiana.

A45.4 Peter J. Kaufman, born about 1861/2, married Margaret Brandenberger on April 14, 1887 in Daviess County, Indiana. They moved to Dickson, Tennessee in 1890, but returned to Montgomery County, Indiana on February 26, 1895.

The Johannes Zimmerman Family[7]

There were two Johannes Zimmerman families living in Adams County, Indiana in 1860. Though both were born in Hegenheim, Alsace, Germany, just north of Basel, Switzerland, we do not know how closely they were related. The parents of the oldest Johannes were **Johannes Zimmerman** and **Anna Maria Schneider**. The father was born February 21, 1797, on Baldenwegerhof, Lorrach, Baden, Germany. Anna Maria was born about 1801 at Durmenach, Alsace, Germany. It is reported that the first to arrive in the United States were the oldest sons in 1849. These came to Adams County, Indiana. Barbara came alone about 1850. The parents, with Isaac, came in 1852 and were living in Clinton County, Indiana in 1870.

1. Johannes Zimmerman (A46), born February 5, 1822, in Hegenheim, Alsace, Germany.

2. Christian Zimmerman (A47), born March 29, 1825, at Lorrach, Baden, Germany.

3. Jacob Zimmerman, born March 18, 1827, at Lorrach, Baden, Germany.

4. Barbara Zimmerman, born April 4, 1830, at Lorrach, Baden, Germany. She married Christian (Reusser) Reeser on April 25, 1852, in Muncie, Indiana.

5. Joseph Zimmerman, was born February 2, 1833, at Lorrach, Baden, Germany. He married Christine Stuckey (A24.10) on January 15, 1863 in Adams County, Indiana. She came to the United States with her parents to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1846. This couple moved to Livingston County, Illinois following their marriage

6. Isaac Zimmerman, born January 17, 1838, at Grenzach, Baden, Germany.

A46 **John (Johannes) Zimmerman** was born February 5, 1822, in Hegenheim, France. He married **Magdalena Roth** on May 25, 1851 in Adams County, Indiana. She was born October 5, 1829, in Aspach, Alsace, France, and died May 30, 1909. He died February 18, 1896, in McLean County, Illinois. By 1871 the family had moved to Pike Township, Livingston County, Illinois where their last three children were born. The six earlier children were born in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $1,900. She died May 3, 1909 in Livingston County, Illinois.

A46.1 Christian C. Zimmerman, born March

4, 1852, married Catharine Steckley on December 3, 1874. She died May 17, 1883. He then married Maria Oesch on November 11, 1883.

A46.2 John M. Zimmerman, born February 10, 1854, married Maria Birky on July 5, 1885.

A46.3 Jonas Zimmerman, born October 29, 1855, married Lydia Ann Hilty on April 5, 1885.

A46.4 Sarah Zimmerman, born November 7, 1857, married Christian Wertz on June 23, 1878.

A46.5 Anna Zimmerman, born December 19, 1859, married Christian K. Oyer on May 22, 1881.

A46.6 Henry Zimmerman, born July 12, 1862, married Fanny Flickinger on August 30, 1885.

A46.7 David Zimmerman, born May 10, 1865, married Susan Steiner on June 24, 1889. Then on January 31, 1904, he married Mary Moran.

A46.8 Jacob William Zimmerman, born December 17, 1867, married Etta Mienke on April 19, 1892.

A46.9 Mary Zimmerman, born January 16, 1871, married Joseph M. Gerig on April 19, 1892.

A47 **Christian Zimmerman**, born March 29, 1825, at Baldenwegerhof, Lorrach, Baden, came to the United States with his brother Johannes. He married **Christina Schlatter**[8] on August 12, 1851 in Wells County, Indiana. By 1870 they were in Ross Township, Clinton County, Indiana. Following her death he married Catharine Schindler on December16, 1897. He died December 12, 1899 in Ross Township, Clinton County, Indiana. They had no children. In 1860 his net worth was $1,600.[9]

A48 **Hans (Johannes) Schwartz**, born November 13, 1798, married **Anna Ramseier** on February 20, 1827.[10] She was born May 1, 1804. They were both born in the commune of Mancenans-Lizerne, France. They resided on the farm Soyere, one and a half miles south of St. Hippolyte, France. While living here the family was active in the Amish church and Johannes was chosen to serve as a Deacon. The children were all born on Soyere.

Their sons, John (Hans) and Joseph, left France on December 2, 1851, sailing on the ship *Trumbull*. They arrived in New York on February 2, 1852. Then Christian made the trip to the United States. He came on the ship *Trenton*, sailing from Le Havre and arriving in New York on April 10, 1852.[11] The boys settled in Allen County, Indiana in April 1853.

The parents and the other children left their home in France in 1853 and sailed for the United States. After arriving, they first went to Stark County, Ohio. They arrived in Adams County, Indiana that fall. Johannes died December 30, 1883, in Adams County, and is buried in Schwartz Cemetery. Anna may be buried in the Huser Cemetery. She died July 25, 1872, before the Schwartz Cemetery was started. Johannes had a net worth of $1,400 in 1860.

A48.1 John (Hans) Schwartz, born February 17, 1828, first married Barbara Bigler on August 5, 1855. She died on May 19, 1866. He then married Elizabeth Lengacher on August 23, 1868.

A48.2 daughter Schwartz was stillborn on May 26, 1829.

A48.3 Peter Schwartz (A51), born May 28, 1830, married Barbara Kauffman on May 19, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana. She died August 1, 1871. He then married Elizabeth Stuckey on March 28, 1872. She was the daughter of Christian Stuckey and Elizabeth Short, so is a sister to Katherine, wife of Jacob Yoder (A13.4)

A48.4 Christian Schwartz, born May 1, 1832, married Maria Schwartz on June 15, 1854. She was born April 8, 1832, on Soyere, Department Doubs, France, and died September 10, 1873. He then married Barbara Schmucker on July 5, 1874. He was a preacher in the Old Order Amish Church in Allen County, Indiana. He owned 160 acres in French Township of Adams County, Indiana in 1861 without any improvements. Their children were all born in Allen County.

A48.5 Joseph Schwartz (A51), born March 29, 1834, married Emeline Mazelin (No. 3 in The Mazelin Family) on November 28, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana.

A48.6 Anna Schwartz, born June 13, 1836, married Jonathan Yoder in Wayne County, Ohio. Following his death she married Christian Lengacher about 1867. She died October 23, 1884, in Wayne County, Ohio and was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

A48.7 Maria Schwartz, born March 27, 1838, married Jacob Eicher (A63) in 1860, in Adams County, Indiana. When she died at age 41, Jacob divided the nine children between relatives and friends in the area.

A48.8 Barbara Schwartz, born May 16, 1840, married Frank Mazelin (A75) on June 5, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana.

A48.9 Jacob Schwartz, born April 17, 1842, married Maria Liechty (A2.5) on February 28, 1867, in Adams County, Indiana. She died August 3, 1907. He then married Mary Moser (A62.5) on March 25, 1909.

A48.10 Elisabeth Schwartz, born June 24, 1844, married James Mazelin (No. 5 in The Mazelin Family) on April 11, 1867 near Harlan, Indiana.

A48.11 Catherine (Katharina) Schwartz, born June 28, 1846, died November 5, 1887.

A49 **John (Hans) Schwartz** (A48.1) born February 17, 1828, first married **Barbara Bigler** on August 5, 1855 and had seven children. She was born April 1, 1835, and died on May 19, 1866. He then married **Elizabeth Lengacher** on August 23, 1868. She was born July 31, 1831, and died March 26, 1915. The family was living in Adams County when the census taker came around in 1860. His net worth was $200. He was in Allen County, Indiana when he married the second time. It is likely that the children of Barbara were all born in Adams County, and those of Elizabeth in Allen County.[12]

A49.1 Jacob Schwartz, born April 22, 1856, married Catherine Delagrange Graber on November 28, 1881. She was the widow of Peter Graber.

A49.2 Anna Schwartz, born December 2, 1857, died May 9, 1858.

A49.3 Catharine Schwartz, born February 10, 1859, married Simon J. Kemp on November 20, 1885.

A49.4 Barbara Schwartz, born January 8, 1861, died December 31, 1862.

A49.5 John J. Schwartz, born May 20, 1862, married Catherine Borkholder on December 26, 1889.

A49.6 David Schwartz, born May 20, 1862, married Susanna Steury on December 24, 1891.

A49.7 Joseph Schwartz, born August 29, 1865, died October 18, 1871

Children of Elizabeth.

A49.8 Elizabeth Schwartz, born January 1, 1870, married Joseph Gerig on March 26, 1870.

A49.9 Mary Schwartz, born May 26, 1872, died January 29, 1878.

A49.10 Samuel Schwartz, born August 8, 1874, married Leah Delagrange on March 5, 1903.

A50 **Peter Schwartz** (A48.3) was born May 28, 1830, on the farm Soyere, Department Doubs, France. He married **Barbara Kauffman** on May 19, 1861, in Adams County. He was living with his parents when he married, and about that time took over their farm. Barbara died August 1, 1871, and he on January 23, 1912, both in Adams County, Indiana. They are buried in Schwartz Cemetery. The Schwartz cemetery was started on their farm, and it was likely started with the two children who died in November 1864. Barbara's grave is the first one that is known. Up until 1950 the cemetery was called the Peter Schwartz Cemetery. Eight months after Barbara's death he married on March 28, 1872, **Elizabeth Stuckey**, who was born November 25, 1847. She died March 12, 1924, and was buried in the Schwartz Cemetery. The children all remained in the Old Order Amish Church. The April 21, 1898, issue of "The Berne Witness" carried this report: "Peter Schwartz has put out 3 acres of raspberries. Very well, let the good go on."

A50.1 Lydia P. Schwartz, born March 4, 1862, died November 11, 1864. She was likely buried in Schwartz Cemetery.

A50.2 Joseph P. Schwartz, born August 13, 1863, died November 20, 1864. He was likely buried in Schwartz Cemetery.

A50.3 Catherine P. Schwartz, born April 20, 1865, married George Paille on March 16, 1899.

A50.4 Peter P. Schwartz, born April 21, 1867, married Barbara Schwartz, his first cousin Jacob's (A49.1) daughter, in 1903.

A50.5 Anna P. Schwartz, born February 14, 1869, married Joseph H. Hilty on June 1, 1893. He was a Deacon in the Old Order Amish Church for many years.

Children of Elizabeth Stuckey.

A50.6 Lovina P. Schwartz, born January 17, 1870, married Peter J. Eicher (A63.2) on March

12, 1891.

A50.7 Elizabeth P. Schwartz, born January 30, 1873, married Jacob J. Eicher (A63.7) on June 28, 1894.

A50.8. Mary P. Schwartz, born January 23, 1874, married David A. Wickey on January 30, 1896. He was ordained as a minister in 1914 in the Old Order Amish church.

A50.9 Barbara P. Schwartz, born July 10, 1875, married Christian Schwartz (A51.8) on November 29, 1894. He died May 15, 1898. She then married Noah Branscomb on May 29, 1903.

A50.10 John P. Schwartz, born August 25, 1876, married Barbara Schwartz on December 24, 1907 in Berne, Indiana. He worked as a carpenter.

A50.11 Leah P. Schwartz, born February 10, 1878, married Christian J. Schwartz on July 5, 1900.

A50.12 Samuel P. Schwartz, born July 20, 1879, married Effie Eicher on November 4, 1904.

A50.13 Jacob P. Schwartz, born February 9, 1881, married Emeline Graber on August 22, 1901.

A50.14 Fannie P. Schwartz, born July 28, 1882, died September 17, 1884. She was buried in Schwartz Cemetery.

A50.15 Josephine P. Schwartz, born January 21, 1884, married Samuel P. Girod on June 29, 1905.

A50.16 Salome P. Schwartz, born November 2, 1885, died May 1, 1887. She was buried in Schwartz Cemetery.

A50.17 Margaret P. Schwartz, born September 2, 1890, married Jacob F. Schwartz on December 19, 1912.

A51 **Joseph Schwartz** (A46.5), born March 29, 1834, Soyere, Department Doubs, France, died December 23, 1920, in Alpena, Michigan. He married **Emeline Mazelin** (No. 3 in The Mazelin Family) on November 28, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born on May 16, 1843, in Adams County, Indiana. According to his descendants, he was ordained as a preacher in the Egly Amish Church by Bishop Henry Egly. He then left this group and returned to the Old Order Amish. In this group he served as a minister and then was selected to serve as a Bishop. He was ordained by Bishop, Noah Zehr of Middlebury, Indiana. He experienced a lot of distress after his son David became a minister and then his assistant. David differed with his father, and eventually provoked a division within the church. This occurred on June 1, 1894. Distressed by all that had taken place, Joseph and Emeline with three of their children moved to Alpena County, Michigan in November 1902. There he died on December 23, 1920, eighty-six years of age. Emeline, and the younger children with her, then returned to Adams County after a few years.

A51.1 David Schwartz, born October 12, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana, married Anna Steury on March 15, 1883. She died March 7, 1933. He then married Elizabeth Mazelin Habegger, daughter of Frank Mazelin (A75). When he was nineteen years of age, on April 17, 1881, he was baptized. On April 5, 1855, he was elected to serve as a Deacon. Then on April 1, 1888 he was elected to serve as a full Deacon and as an assistant to the Bishop, his father. In this role he began to assert leadership within the congregation in opposition to his father. This resulted in a split on June 1, 1894, that resulted in the formation of the Amish Christian Church with David as its primary leader.[13]

A51.2 John Schwartz, born March 21, 1864, died January 22, 1890 in Adams County, Indiana.

A51.3 Rosina A. Schwartz, born January 1, 1866, married Peter H. Habegger on February 27, 1890.

A51.4 Joseph A. Schwartz, born March 27, 1867, married Lydia Borkholder on March 20, 1890.

A51.5 Anna F. Schwartz, born February 9, 1869, died April 9, 1870 in Adams County.

A51.6 Mary Schwartz, born March 11, 1870, married Aaron Zook on November 15, 1894.

A51.7 Peter A. Schwartz, born September 18, 1872, married Verena Eicher (A63.4) on November 2, 1893.

A51.8 Christian Schwartz, born October 3, 1874, married Barbara P. Schwartz (A50.9) on November 29, 1894.

A51.9 Jacob A. Schwartz, born December 22, 1876, married Katie Graber on August 5, 1897.

A51.10 Emily Schwartz, born April 3, 1879, married Joseph J. Eicher (A63.8) on June 3, 1896.

A51.11 Daniel A. Schwartz, born May 17,

1881, married Mary Ann Hochstetler on February 5, 1910.

A51.12 Joel Schwartz, born January 12, 1883, died December 12, 1884, in Adams County.

A51.13 Benjamin Schwartz, born October 27, 1885, died January 4, 1886, in Adams County.

A51.14 Daughter Schwartz, died the day of her birth, August 31, 1889, in Adams County.

A52 **Abraham (Moser) Mosser**, born March 19, 1794, in Courcelles, Canton Belfort, France, married **Katharina Eicher** on May 3, 1821, in France.[14] She was born April 6, 1800, in Aspach, France. He was living at Brognard when married. They lived for a time at Thiancourt, France. After their first three children were born, they came to the United States arriving in New York on the Brig *Abby Jones* on July 12, 1827. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio. He had $100 when he arrived and purchased eighty acres of timberland. He cleared the land and farmed it until 1853 when he sold out. The family came to Adams County, Indiana in 1854 where he purchased 160 acres in Hartford Township. Katherine died November 9, 1870 and Abraham on March 21, 1876. They and some of their children are buried in Brown Cemetery, which was near their home. His net worth in 1860 was $5,000.

A52.1 Joseph Mosser, born about 1821, died January 22, 1822.

A52.2 Joseph Mosser, born January 31, 1822, likely died young.

A52.3 Christian Mosser was born December 25, 1822 in Thiancourt, France.

A52.4 Joseph Mosser (A53) was born May 10, 1824 in France. He was married and had three children. This wife died in 1854. He may then have married Anna Roth (A30.10), born January 22, 1836 at Feldbach.

A52.5 Abraham Mosser, born about 1825 likely died in infancy.

A52.6 Jacob Mosser, born in 1826, died about 1830 in Ohio. He is one year old on the ship list.

A52.7 Peter Mosser (A54), born October 6, 1830, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Barbara Stucky (A24.8) on December 2, 1854.

A52.8 Catherine Mosser, born September 23, 1832 in Wayne County, married John Zimmerman (A55) on October 2, 1851 in Fulton County, Ohio.

A52.9 Mary Mosser, born about 1834 married Christian Plank on January 3, 1856.

A52.10 Anna Mosser, born June 14, 1837 married Benjamin (Benedict) Stucky (A42) on March 22, 1859. He died March 7, 1873. She then married Michael Zehr on November 24, 1878.

A52.11 Verena Mosser, born March 19, 1842, married Christian Stucky (A41) on January 3, 1856.

A52.12 Rosina Mosser, born March 19, 1842, married Christian Gerber on February 13, 1862. He died October 16, 1911. She then married Michael Zehr on October 29, 1916.

A52.13 Solomon Mosser, born March 20, 1843, married Elizabeth Schlatter (A7.3) on March 9, 1865. He has a biographical sketch in the 1887 Record of Adams and Wells County, Indiana. He bought his father's farm and his improvements made it one of the finest in the township. He raised thoroughbred livestock, several of which he purchased in Kentucky.

A52.14 Lydia Mosser, born February 27, 1846 married Jacob Egly (A32.1) on September 17, 1871.

A52.15 Leah Mosser, born about 1848, married Jacob Miller, and then Christian Gerber.

A53 **Joseph Mosser** (A52.4) was born May 10, 1824, probably in France. He was married to a woman whose name is not known. They had three children after which she died in 1854. One of the daughters also died. He then may have married **Anna Roth** (A30.10) about 1855. She was born January 27, 1836, and died before 1909. This family came to Adams County, Indiana about 1854. Joseph died June 10, 1902 of asthma. In 1860 his net worth was $1,250.

A53.1 Elizabeth Mosser was born 1845, in Ohio.

A53.2 child Mosser, born about 1847, in Ohio. Died in infancy.

A53.3 Emanuel Mosser was born 1849, in Ohio.

A53.4 Jonathan Mosser was born 1856, in Adams County, Indiana.

A53.5 Peter Mosser, was born 1859, in Adams County, Indiana.

A54 **Peter Mosser** (A52.7), born October 6, 1830, in Wayne County, Ohio, married **Barbara Stucky** on December 2, 1854. She was born June 4, 1836, possibly at Richwiller, France. They may have come to Adams County, Indiana about 1850, shortly after they were married. She died on May 2, 1907. He was living with his daughter Susanna when he died after a lengthy illness. In 1860 his net worth was $1,400.

A54.1 Catherine Mosser, born May 10, 1851, may have died young.

A54.2 Susanna Mosser, born December 28, 1859, married David Hirschy (A16.4) on February 26, 1882.

A54.3 Noah Mosser was born December 23, 1861.

A54.4 Christina Mosser, born January 7, 1864, died May 25, 1870,

A54.5 Heinrich Mosser, born December 27, 1865, died March 1, 1873.

A54.6 Sarah Mosser, born January 16, 1868, died November 27, 1873.

A54.7 Mary Mosser, born September 16, 1871, married David Shanebeck on January 14, 1894.

A54.8 Peter N. Mosser, born December 12, 1873, married Sarah H. Snyder in 1895.

A54.9 Maria Mosser, born September 16, 1876, died April 21, 1948.

A54.10 Emma Mosser, born December 17, 1879, married Jerry (Jerimias) Liechty

A55 **John Zimmerman** was born October 22, 1826, at Hegenheim, France (just north of Basel, Switzerland). He married **Catherine Mosser** (A52.8) on October 2, 1851 in Fulton County, Ohio. She was born September 23, 1832, in Wayne County, Ohio. He arrived in the United States on May 5, 1841, on the ship *Argo* with his father and stepmother and siblings. They came to Adams County, Indiana about 1851, after their marriage. John died June 15, 1899, and Catherine on November 3, 1904. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite cemetery. His net worth in 1860 was $1,500.

A55.1 David Zimmerman, born October 29, 1853, married Sarah Amstutz on February 23, 1877.

A55.2 Mary Zimmerman, was born in February 1860, and married Clinton Pontius.

A56 **George Fuchs**, born February 23, 1824, in Kehl, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, married **Katharina Steiner** (M7.8) on June 15, 1855, in Linn Grove, Indiana. She was born January 26, 1831, in the Chippewa community, Wayne County, Ohio. George came to the United States with his parents, Jacob and Katharina (Ross) Fuchs in 1849. They settled in Butler County, Ohio. George and his brothers Michael and John walked to Adams County, Indiana in 1854 and settled here. Katharina grew up in a Mennonite home, but the family was Amish. She died January 21, 1868, and John on February 19, 1907. They are both buried in the Biberstein cemetery, as are their children who died young. Their children were all born in Adams County. His net worth in 1860 was $1,300.

A56.1 Christina Fuchs, born March 20, 1856, died April 3, 1857.

A56.2 Philip William Fuchs, born April 28, 1857, married Kathryn Moser (A61.2) on November 15, 1883.

A56.3 David (Fuchs) Fox, born October 22, 1858, married Mary Stucky (A42.2) on June 26, 1886.

A56.4 Peter (Fuchs) Fox, born October 20, 1861, married Katharina Amstutz on November 28, 1889.

A56.5 Katharina Fuchs, born October 11, 1863, may have died young.

A56.6 Sarah Fuchs, born January 4, 1866, died November 7, 1887.

A57 **Christian (Rich) Richer** (A3.2), was born about 1832, in France. No record has been found for his birth, but on the ship list he was 6 years old. The 1860 census gives his age as 28. These both point to the year 1832. He came to the United States with his parents arriving in New York on May 12, 1837, on the ship *Rhine*. The family came to Adams County in 1843. He married **Anna Miller** on May 13, 1856, and they made their home in Adams County. Anna was born May 2, 1834, at Vanclusotte, south of Montbeliard, France. This family came to the United States in 1835. In 1869 Christian and family moved to the Odon, Indiana Amish settlement being one of the first to make their home here. Anna died on February 16, 1877, and is buried in the Odon Amish Cemetery. Christian

married **Catherine (Katie) Lugibill** on February 14, 1878. She was born in France about 1833. Some time after their marriage they moved back east to Allen County, Indiana. Here Christian died in 1908.[15] Catherine died in 1914 in Stark County, Ohio at the home of her daughter Leah. Her body was brought back to Allen County and buried beside her husband in Yaggy Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana.[16]

A57.1 John Richer, born December 23, 1859, married Catherine Yoder on November 16, 1882 in Daviess County, Indiana.

A57.2 Catherine Richer, born in 1861, married Peter C. Stuckey on June 21, 1888. He was married previously to Anna Short on June 30, 1870.

A57.3 Rachel Richer, born October 2, 1862, married Joseph Bacher on March 9, 1882 in Daviess County, Indiana.

A57.4 Jacob Richer was born in 1864. He died young.

A57.5 Peter Richer was born in 1866. He died young.

A57.6 Anna Richer, born November 2, 1867, married Peter Liechty January 5, 1887. He is a brother to Katharina who married Solomon C.

A57.7 Mary Richer was born in1869. She died in 1953. There is a stone for her in Lockport Cemetery.

A57.8 Joseph Richer was born in 1872. He died young.

A57.9 Solomon C. Richer, born July 9, 1873, married Katharina L. Liechty on November 2, 1893. Following her death he married Emma (Erma) Hunt on April 29, 1917. This was her second marriage also..

A57.10 Moses Richer, born in1876, married Judith Steiner on February 18, 1909.

A58 **Christian Schindler** (A11.1), born May 12, 1833, in Montbeliard, France, married **Barbara Liechty** about 1857. They were members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. She was born October 29, 1834. Their children were all born in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $600. Christian died December 16, 1901, and Barbara on March 28, 1920. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A58.1 Fanny Schindler, born December 27, 1858, married Samuel Egly (A32.4) about 1878.

A58.2 Mary Schindler, born November 28, 1862, married John Yoder (A70.2) on December 17, 1891.

A58.3 Jacob C. Schindler, born February 3, 1868, married Mary S. Stucky (A41.8) on November 12, 1891.

A58.4 Lydia Schindler, born September 8, 1870, married David D. Mettler about 1896.

A58.5 Reuben Schindler, born February 1, 1873, married Emma Sophia Mettler on February 20, 1904. She died August 25, 1911, and he then married Aldine Amstutz on April 17, 1917.

A58.6 Rachel Schindler, born May 10, 1875, married Christian Moser (A61.8) on December 20, 1894.

A58.7 Sarah Ann Schindler, born December 29, 1879, married Noah F. Moser on October 31, 1914.

A59 **Joseph Rich** was born June 23, 1838, in the city of Basel, Switzerland. He married **Anna Moser** (A5.2) on December 22, 1859. She was born September 11, 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio. At age four he emigrated with his parents to Ontario, Canada. Living there for a time, his obituary states that he and a sister walked from New London, Ontario to Allen County, Indiana, then to Adams County. He purchased land in French Township in 1857, at age 18. She died October 27, 1907, and is buried in the Moser Cemetery. He died June 25, 1914, and is buried in the Biberstein Cemetery. Their children were born in Adams County. His net worth in 1860 was $650.

A59.1 Peter Rich, born November 8, 1860, married Catharina (Katy) Roth (A31.7) on March 19, 1886.

A59.2 Barbara Rich, born October 25, 1861, married David Stucky (A41.1) on October 19, 1884.

A59.3 Joseph J. Rich, born April 2, 1863, married Mary Biberstein (A20.9) on January 31, 1885. She died January 27, 1895. He then married Katherine (Katy) J. Yoder (A70.4) on March 9, 1896. She died June 10, 1900. He then married Katherine's older sister Mary Yoder (A70.1) on December 19, 1901 in Adams County.

A59.4 Christian Rich, born February 24, 1866, married Rosina Moser on April 19, 1902.

A59.5 Nicholas Rich, born December 6, 1867, married Elizabeth Bailey on April 26, 1894.

A59.6 John Rich, born August 10, 1869, married Mary Klopfenstein (A60.12) on November 22, 1892.

A59.7 Jacob Rich, born October 29, 1871, died July 16, 1874.

A59.8 Anna Rich, born November 16, 1874, married Joshua Yoder (A70.5) on December 24, 1896.

A59.9 May Rich, born December 7, 1875, married Jonas Meyer on September 29, 1894.

A59.10 David Rich, born June 13, 1878, married Alberta Marie Imbach.

A60 **Peter Klopfenstein** (A33.11), born August 18, 1830, in France, came to the United States in 1840, with his parents. After living in Stark County, Ohio for ten years they came to Adams County, Indiana. Here Peter married **Mary Barbara Roth** (A30.11) about 1859. She was born May 8, 1839, in Feldbach, France. They were married January 26, 1859, in Allen County, Indiana. When the Amish church divided, he went with Henry Egly. Barbara died February 21, 1901 and Peter on July 4, 1904. They are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Church cemetery. In 1860 his net worth was $1,600. Their children were all born in Adams County, Indiana. His parents were living with them in 1860.

A60.1 Katherine (Katie) Klopfenstein, born January 3, 1860, married Ferdinand Stauffer on December 20, 1902.[17]

A60.2 John Klopfenstein, born March 25, 1861, married Kathryn Moser on January 22, 1887, a daughter of Peter E. Moser and Anna Amstutz.

A60.3 Jacob P. Klopfenstein, born November 18, 1862, married Rachel Neuenschwander on May 5, 1887.

A60.4 Daniel Klopfenstein, born April 10, 1864, died May 6, 1871.

A60.5 Peter P. Klopfenstein, born February 24, 1866[18], married Maria Amstutz on February 22, 1890. Maria's parents, Christian Amstutz and Marianna Nussbaum came to Adams County, Indiana from Putnam County, Ohio on May 15, 1864. Here they joined the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

A60.6 Samuel Klopfenstein, born July 6, 1867, married Magdalena (Lena) Hirschy (A15.17) on May 1, 1897.

A60.7 Elizabeth Klopfenstein, born October 25, 1868, died August 23, 1870.

A60.8 Joseph Klopfenstein, born February 4, 1870, died October 11, 1870 Noah Klopfenstein, born September 1, 1871, died October 11, 1871.

A60.10 Lydia Klopfenstein, born February 20, 1873, married Fred Mathys on October 28, 1893.

A60.11 Abraham Klopfenstein, born August 26, 1874, died August 20, 1878.

A60.12 Mary Klopfenstein, born November 13, 1875, married John Rich (A59.6) on November 22, 1892.

A60.13 Sarah M. Klopfenstein, born April 8, 1878, married Martin J. Buehrer on May 21, 1898.

A60.14 Christian Klopfenstein, died at birth on January 22, 1880.

A60.15 Louise Klopfenstein, born April 12, 1881, died November 8, 1911.

A61 **John D. Moser** (A5.1) born October 15, 1837, in Wayne County, Ohio, came with his parents to Adams County about 1859. He married **Magdalina (Mattie) Neuhouser** (A35.4) on March 8, 1859 in Adams County, Indiana. She was born May 18, 1839 in Alsace, France and came to the United States with her parents in 1851. He died February 16, 1915, and she on November 23, 1917. They are buried in the Biberstein Cemetery. His net worth in 1860 was $650.

A61.1 Barbara Moser, born December 25, 1859, married Peter D. Steiner (A37.2) on November 10, 1878.

A61.2 Kathryn Moser, born May 23, 1861, married Philip William (Fuchs) Fox (A56.2) on November 15, 1883.

A61.3 Anna Moser, born December 13, 1863, married John Hirschy (A14.8) on February 27, 1887.

A61.4 Peter N. Moser, born May 16, 1866, married Katherina (Katie) Stucky (A41.7) on February 15, 1891.

A61.5 Mary Moser, born September 16, 1868, married Jacob Schwartz (A48.9) on March 25, 1909.

A61.6 Rosina Moser died the day of her birth, March 23, 1870.

A61.7 Jacob Moser, born February 16, 1872, died February 26, 1872.

A61.8 Christian Moser, born February 22, 1874, married Rachel Schindler (A58.6) on December 20, 1894.

A61.9 Michael Moser, born September 19, 1878, married Bertha Stauffer on January 7, 1904.

A61.10 Salome Moser, born September 28, 1881, married Amos Zimmerman on July 2, 1912.

A62 **Daniel Schmucker**, born April 26, 1830, in Les Fontenelle, Doubs, France, married **Susanna Egle** on August 2, 1857, in Stark County, Ohio. She was born August 11, 1834, in Baden, Germany. In 1850 he was working in Adams County, Indiana for Abraham Moser (A17) who was married to his sister Barbara. Daniel and Susanna likely came to Adams County, Indiana following their marriage. Susanna died December 9, 1872. Their children were born in Adams County. Daniel then married **Catherine Widmer** on December 7, 1874. She was born April 16, 1849, in Berrwiller, Weckenthal, France. Their first three children were born in Hartford Township, Adams County. The family then moved to the Swiss community of Reno County, Kansas where there was a Defenseless Mennonite Church. Here their last seven children were born.[19] Daniel died August 6, 1906, and is buried in the Sterling Mennonite cemetery in Rice County, Kansas. Catherine died March 2, 1928. In 1860 his net worth was $1,300.

A62.1 Barbara Schmucker, born June 9, 1858, died February 25, 1864.

A62.2 Jacob Schmucker, born September 10, 1860, married Catherine O. Schott.

A62.3 Susanna Schmucker, born August 22, 1862, married Phillip Ehling.

A62.4 Rosina Schmucker, born August 19, 1864, married Simon Wagler.

A62.5 Maria Schmucker, born March 21, 1866, died December 5, 1953 of polio.

A62.6 Catherine Schmucker, born November 25, 1867, married Valentine Farney.

A62.7 Phoebe Schmucker, born February 2, 1870, married John Schweitzer.

Children of Catherine Widmer:

A62.8 Joel Schmucker, born November 23, 1875, married Eva Marie Klingman.

A62.9 Elizabeth Schmucker was born August 12, 1877.

A62.10 Henry Schmucker, born September 26, 1879, married Grace Klingman, sister of Eva.

A62.11 Samuel Schmucker, born June 7, 1881, married Gertrude Metz.

A62.12 Lavina Schmucker was born June 11, 1882. She was blind and remained single.

A62.13 Noah Schmucker, born February 28, 1884, married Bertha Schlager.

A62.14 Leah Schmucker, born May 9, 1885, married Frank Arthur Betts.

A62.15 Sarah Schmucker, born May 23, 1887, died single July 7, 1952.

A62.16 Martha Schmucker, born December 28, 1888, died single October 26, 1923. She was an invalid.

A62.17 Caroline Schmucker was born March 24, 1890.

A63 **Jacob Eicher** (A8.1) was born June 10, 1835 in Ohio. He married **Maria Schwartz** (A48.7) about 1860. She was born March 27, 1838, on Soyere, Department Doubs, France. They were living with his mother and three younger siblings when the census taker came by in 1860. His father had died in 1855. Their children were born in Adams County. She died January 6, 1880, and he died February 17, 1889. His net worth in 1860 was $700.

A63.1 John J. Eicher, born February 3, 1861, died August 16, 1863, in Adams County.

A63.2 Peter J. Eicher, born January 19, 1863, married Lovina P. Schwartz (A50.6) on March 12, 1891.

A63.3 Mary Eicher, born November 24, 1864, married Christian C. Stauffer on May 8, 1890.

A63.4 Verena Eicher, born October 3, 1866, married Peter A. Schwartz (A51.7) on November 2, 1893.

A63.5 Catherine Eicher, born October 30, 1868, married Noah Nussbaum on November16, 1893.

A63.6 Barbara Eicher, born June 23, 1871, married Labanah Elmer Myers on January 6, 1898.

A63.7 Jacob J. Eicher, born August 5, 1873, married Elizabeth P. Schwartz (A50.7) on June 28, 1894. She died May 22, 1934. He then married Rosina Graber on June 9, 1935.

A63.8 Joseph J. Eicher, born October 21, 1877, married Emily Schwartz (A51.10) on June 3, 1896, in Covington, Kentucky.

A63.9 Elizabeth Eicher, born December 6, 1878, married Adolph G. Schragg on January 2, 1900.

The Huser Family

There are four men named Huser in the 1860 Census, all of whom came from France. There is no history of the family indicating their relationship, but they could be brothers. Minister Philip Huser (A12) appears to be the first to come to the United States arriving in Adams County, Indiana in 1843. After coming to the United States prior to 1850, the families of Jacob, Michael, and George lived in Warren County, Pennsylvania for about ten years prior to coming to Adams County, Indiana. When they came to Adams County, George settled next to Philip, and Jakob and Michael lived next to each other. These three families are not in Adams County in 1870, as they had moved to some other community.

A64 **Michael Huser** was born about 1818, in France. He married **Barbara**, whose surname is not known. She was also born in France about 1815. Her year of birth is given as 1814. Their children were all born in Pennsylvania, possibly in Conewango Township of Warren County, where the family was living in 1850. The George Huser family lived next to them in Pennsylvania, and the Jakob Huser family lived next to them in Hartford Township, Adams County in 1860. In 1860 his net worth was $550.

A64.1 Barbara Huser was born about 1846.

A64.2 Sally Huser, a twin, was born about 1849.

A64.3 Christine Huser, a twin, was born about 1849.

A64.4 Empaling Huser, was born about 1851

A64.5 Caroline Huser, was born about 1853.

A64.6 Michael Huser, was born about 1858.

A65 **Jakob Huser** was born about 1820, in France and is probably a brother to Michael Huser who lived on the next farm to him in 1860. They may also be brothers of the minister Philip Huser (A11). Jakob married **Magdalena Oberly** about 1849.[20] She was born in 1823, and may have been a Mennonite. Their two children, who were born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, married spouses who were Mennonites. Magdalena died about 1859 as she is not named in the 1860 census. Jakob then married **Barbara Steiner** on October 13, 1862. She was born April 20, 1820, in Canton Bern, Switzerland and likely was a Mennonite. Barbara died January 13, 1867. Jakob then married **Barbara Gander** on April 4, 1868-9. They were living in Hartford Township, Adams County, Indiana in 1870. Barbara died in 1878 and Jakob on July 6, 1883. He was hit by a train and killed. Barbara was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, but his burial is not recorded. In 1860 his net worth was $ 440.

A65.1 Jacob C. Huser, born April 11, 1852, married Sarah Geiger on November 7, 1882. They lived near Pandora, Ohio.

A65.2 Emma Huser, born February 19, 1856, married Simeon Sprunger on October 10, 1880.

A66 **George Huser**, born about 1825, in France, married **Mary**, who was born about 1829 in France. They lived in Warren County, Pennsylvania for about ten years, then they came to Adams County, Indiana by 1859 as their youngest son was born here. Their first three children were born in Warren County, Pennsylvania. They were living next to minister Philip Huser in French Township, Adams County in 1860 which lends credence to their being brothers. He was a shoemaker by trade and his net worth in 1860 was $300.

A66.1 George Huser, Jr. was born in 1850.

A66.2 Lewis P. Huser was born about 1852.

A66.3 Mary Huser was born about 1855.

A66.4 Albert Huser was born about 1859 in Adams County, Indiana.

A67 **Peter Roth** (A30.8) was born March 17, 1833, at Aspach, Altkirch, France. He married **Lydia Horn** (No. 5 in The Hirschy Family) on March 11, 1860. She was born August 2, 1836, in Stark County, Ohio and was a half-sister to the Amish Hirschy families. He arrived in the United

States in 1853, and then lived in Wayne County, Ohio for a year prior to coming to Adams County, Indiana. She died May 12, 1885, and he on July 15, 1916. He is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery. Their children were born in Adams County, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $800.

A67.1 Christian Roth, born February 10, 1861, married Catherine Stucky (A42.1) on June 10, 1886.

A67.2 Rosina Roth, born June 16, 1862, died October 29, 1949.

A67.3 Barbara Roth, born September 19, 1863, died August 16, 1873.

A67.4 Jonathan Roth, born August 12, 1865, died July 27, 1927.

A67.5 Katherine Roth, born April 27, 1867, died November 24, 1879.

A67.6 David Roth, born April 24, 1869, married Mary Hildy, born May 14, 1893. They moved to Nickerson, Kansas

A67.7 Levi Roth, born October 21, 1870, died March 18, 1876.

A67.8 Mary Roth, born August 28, 1872, died May 20, 1938.

A67.9 Sarah Roth, born April 27, 1876, died May 12, 1958.

A67.10 Noah Roth, born March 5, 1878, died April 5, 1933.

A68 **Joseph B. Kaufman**, born in 1807, in Poland, married **Anna Schwartz** on September 22, 1834. He was living at Byans, southwest of St. Valbert, France, when he was married. She was born about 1801, at Mulhausen, France. Their first four children were born in St. Valbert, and the last at Hericourt, France.[21] They must just have arrived in Adams County in the spring of 1860 for no net worth is given. In 1791 several Amish families from Montbeliard, France moved to Poland after receiving an invitation to settle there. After a few years Joseph's parents and family returned to France. They were back by August 1810, when his mother died at Altkirch. Anna and the children came to the United States arriving in New York on the ship *Challenge* on May 1, 1854. Joseph must have come at a different time, or else his name was not entered on the ship list.

A68.1 Peter Kaufman, born August 17, 1835, married Verena (Fanny) Musser.

A68.2 Barbara Kaufman was born June 3, 1837. She may be the wife of A48.3 Peter Schwartz.

A68.3 Joseph Kaufman, born June 1, 1840, died September 21, 1845.

A68.4 Anna Kaufman, born April 15, 1842

A68.5 Christian Kaufman, born January 29, 1845, married Fanny Amstutz.

A69 **John (Hans, Johann) Liechty**, was born at Allenjoie, France on April 26, 1814. He married **Barbara Liechty**, who was born in the same community on June 23, 1814. All their children were born in France. The entire family was living together in Adams County, Indiana in 1860 when the census was taken. His net worth was $600. Barbara died February 10, 1895, and is buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Church cemetery. He died August 19, 1897, and was buried in the Huser Cemetery.

A69.1 Mary (Maria) Liechty, born May 2, 1836, married John Hilty on June 1, 1869.

A69.2 Peter Liechty, born April 30, 1838, died February 18, 1882.

A69.3 Catherine Liechty, born September 13, 1840, married John J. Liechty on December 1, 1864.

A69.4 Verena (Fanny) Liechty, born October 30, 1843, married Philip Huser (A12.5) on March 1, 1877.

A69.5 Barbara Liechty, born March 29, 1846, died July 14, 1924.

A69.6 John Liechty, born April 21, 1849, died January 27, 1912.

A69.7 Elizabeth Liechty, born August 3, 1851, died August 3, 1925.

A69.8 Anna Liechty, born November 25, 1854, died July 8, 1868.

A70 **Jacob Yoder**, (A13.4), born March 26, 1828 at Largitzen, Haut Rhin, France, married **Katherine Stuckey** in 1861. She was born November 19, 1842 in Stryker, Williams County, Ohio. He came to the United States in 1839. Following their marriage, Jacob and Katherine built a small plank house west of the MRE Cemetery. His occupation was digging and drilling wells. He died of a stroke while fishing in the Wabash River on November 4, 1904. She had

died on March 11, 1883. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Cemetery.

A70.1 Mary Yoder, born June 2, 1862, married Joseph J. Rich (A61.3) on December 19, 1902, following the death of her sister Katherine.

A70.2 John Yoder, born December 8, 1863, married Mary Schindler (A60.2) on December 17, 1891.

A70.3 David Yoder, born November 20, 1865, died February 14, 1866.

A70.4 Katherine (Katy) J. Yoder, born January 24, 1867, married Joseph J. Rich (A59.3) on March 9, 1896.

A70.5 Joshua Yoder, born October 29, 1868, married Anna Rich (A59.8) on December 24, 1896.

A70.6 Enoch Yoder, born December 17, 1870, married Aldina Fox on October 21, 1905.

A70.7 Noah Yoder, born December 21, 1872, married Rose Meshberger on February 24, 1894.

A70.8 Elizabeth Yoder, born October 22, 1874, married Noah Biberstein (A20.11) on January 24, 1895.

A70.9 Salome Yoder, born September 17, 1876, died June 1, 1942.

A70.10 Emma Yoder, born January 14, 1879, married Forest A. Nichols on September 3, 1898.

A70.11 Jacob Yoder, born October 19, 1880, married Katherine (Katy) Moser on September 15, 1906.

A70.12 Henry Yoder, born October 22, 1882, died April 19, 1884.

A71 **Peter Liechty** was born September 9, 1821, in Allenjoie, Doub, France. He married **Anna Hilty** on January 28, 1847, in Illzach, Haut Rhin, France. She was born November 24, 1815, in Illfurth, Haut Rhin, France. The family lived in Mulhouse, Haut Rhin, France where the first six children were born. The family came to the United States in 1854 and settled in the Chippewa Community of Wayne County, Ohio where the next two children were born. In 1860 the family came to Adams County, Indiana after the census taker went through the area. Thus, they would have arrived in the fall. Peter died August 28, 1878, and Anna on January 20, 1882, in Adams County. Both are buried in Schwartz Cemetery.

A71.1 Joseph Liechty, born October 22, 1847, married Anna Moser (M47.1) on June 23, 1878.

A71.2 Anna J. (Nancy) Liechty, born October 30, 1848, married Jacob Liechty on December 3, 1871.

A71.3 Mary (Maria) Liechty born July 27, 1850, died October 25, 1850.

A71.4 Catherine Liechty, born October 1, 1851, died October 11, 1936, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. A triplet.

A71.5 Barbara Liechty died at birth on October 1, 1851. A triplet.

A71.6 Hans Liechty, was born October 1, 1851, and lived until October 6. A Triplet.

A71.7 Verena (Fanny) Liechty, born September 16, 1854, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Peter Mazelin (A75.7) on June 18, 1891.

A71.8 Mary Liechty, born August 15, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Benjamin Burkett.

A72 **John J. Nussbaum** (M53.2), born September 27, 1835, on Nidauberg, Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, died June 14, 1897 in Linn Grove, Indiana. He was married on December 8, 1861, in the home of Peter Klopfenstein by Amish minister Henry Egly, to **Magdalena Schneider.** She was the daughter of Jakob Schneider and Magdalena Miller, born September 7, 1834, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She died January 13, 1865, in Linn Grove, Indiana. He came with his parents to Adams County, Indiana on August 31, 1853. She came with her parents to Adams County, Indiana on August 22, 1844. Jakob and Magdalena settled in Linn Grove, Indiana on June 10, 1862. The fact that they were married by the Amish minister Egly indicates that they were participants in the Amish church.

His second marriage to **Maria Amstutz** was by an Evangelical Church minister in Linn Grove, Indiana on April 14, 1865. This may indicate they had moved away from the Amish church. Though he was raised in the Mennonite Church, then participated in the Amish church all but one of his six children who married found spouses outside of the Mennonite and Amish churches. There must have been some disturbing experience that caused this to occur. Following this marriage the family lived in Linn Grove and here John died on June 14, 1897. The death date for Maria is not

known.

A72.1 Rosina Nussbaum, born October 12, 1862, married William G. Hill on September 6, 1883. He died September 24, 1908. She then married Sam D. Hill.

A72.2 Emanuel Nussbaum, born October 6, 1864, married Jennie Kindel on November 24, 1890.

A72.3 William Nussbaum born February 9, 1866, may have died as a child.

A72.4 Sarah Nussbaum, born September 18, 1867, married George Bucher.

A72.5 Karolina Nussbaum, born March 2, 1869, married George B. Maurer on March 17, 1880.

A72.6 Edward Nussbaum, born March 5, 1870, died September 20, 1871.

A72.7 Christina Nussbaum, born January 3, 1872, died March 15, 1875.

A72.8 Maria Nussbaum, born September 10, 1873, died February 22, 1888.

A72.9 Emma Nussbaum, born December 2, 1875, died January 5, 1878.

A72.10 Albert Nussbaum, born February 27, 1877, died March 14, 1877.

A72.11 Samuel Nussbaum, born August 11, 1878, married Rachel Yoder on July 10, 1899.

A72.12 Mathilda Nussbaum was born December 17, 1879.

A72.13 Katharina Nussbaum, born July 10, 1881, married Elroy C. Runyon on March 9, 1901.

A73 **Jacob Schindler** (A9.1), born August 19, 1837, in Wayne County, Ohio, married **Anna Stucky** (A24.9) on September 11, 1862. Their children were all born in Adams County, Indiana. They were members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. Jacob died March 7, 1916, and Anna on March 6, 1919. Both are buried in the Defenseless/Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

A73.1 David R. Schindler, born July 19, 1863, married Catherine (Katie) Neuhauser on April 5, 1885, in Adams County. He died April 2, 1889, at the age of 25. David was a gifted, well liked, person. He was elected to serve as a Deacon in the Defenseless Mennonite Church on December 15, 1882, at the age of 19. Then on October 27, 1886, he was elected to the position of Minister at the age of 23. He was positioned to be a person with significant influence when he died two years later of an unspecified cause.

A73.2 Samuel Schindler, born November 9, 1865, married Lydia Conrad on November 15, 1894.

A73.3 Sarah Schindler, born August 31, 1868, married Noah Winteregg on January 15, 1893.

A73.4 Henry Schindler, born January 15, 1876, married Bertha Augsburger on February 19, 1901.

A73.5 Amos Schindler, born August 17, 1878, married Sarah Winteregg on January 2, 1900.

A74 **Benedict Schlatter**, born about 1809, in France was married to **Elisabeth** whose surname is not known. They arrived in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana before the 1860 census. She was born about 1812. No children are listed with them. In the 1870 census he is living with the Jacob Goldsmith and Susanna Egly family, apparently as a widower. Jacob Goldsmith's mother was Catharina Schlatter, so he could be a younger brother or a nephew.[22] His net worth in 1860 was $400.

The Mazelin Family

Peter Mazelin and Theresa Etiene were members of the Roman Catholic Church and never made any change. Three of their children married into Amish families, and two into Mennonite families, so the entire family appears here to show their connections.

Peter Mazelin was born January 31, 1814, near Menillot, France. On January 15, 1837, he married **Theresa Etiene** who was born November 10, 1814, near Menillot as well.[23] When they left for the United States they traveled by oxcart to a port and set sail on May 15, 1840, and arrived in New York on July 21, 1840. They had an unusually lengthy voyage, more than two months on the way, due to adverse weather with severe storms. They then traveled to Fairfield County, Ohio where they stayed until the spring of 1841. While there, he came to Indiana and purchased 120 acres for $300. He then brought his wife and two children to this place to make their new home.[24] All but the first two children were born in Adams County. In 1860 his net worth was

$2,900.

It is reported that Rosina and Emeline were sent back to Fairfield County, Ohio for their elementary education.[25] The St. Mary Catholic school was established in 1841 and is likely the school they attended.

1. Frank Mazelin (A75), born December 15, 1837 in Menillot, France, married Barbara Schwartz (A48.8) on June 5, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana. They were Old Order Amish until 1894 when they became members in the Amish Christian Church.

2. Rosina Mazelin, born January 19, 1841, in Fairfield County, Ohio, married Fred Smith on May 15, 1859. This family was the only one that remained in the Roman Catholic Church.

3 Emeline Mazelin, born May 16, 1843, married Joseph Schwartz (A51) on November 28, 1861. They were Old Order Amish.

4. Virginia Mazelin, born October 15, 1845, married John P. Nussbaum (M46.1) on February 3, 1866 in Adams County, Indiana. They united with the Berne Mennonite Church.

5. James Mazelin, born April 11, 1847, married Elizabeth Schwartz (A48.10) on April 11, 1867 near Harlan, Indiana. She died February 5, 1874. He then married Barbara Miller on March 18, 1877 in Adams County, Indiana. They were Old Order Amish but later united with the Amish Christian Church. 6. Child Mazelin, was stillborn on January 20, 1849 in Adams County, Indiana.

7. Peter Mazelin, born June 26, 1850 married Albertina Kipfer (M26.9) on October 19, 1872, the daughter of Mennonite minister Ulrich Kipfer II (M26). She died September 29, 1889. He then married Verena (Fannie) Liechty on June 18, 1891. He was called Menno Peter likely because he married a Mennonite and then united with the Mennonite Church. Verena was Amish and was baptized on April 9, 1871 in the Amish Christian Church. Five years after Peter and Verena were married, he was rebaptized and joined her church on August 15, 1896.

A75 **Frank Mazelin**, born December 15, 1837 in Menillot, France, married **Barbara Schwartz** (A48.8) on June 5, 1862, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born May 7, 1840 at Soyere, Doubs, France. Frank was likely baptized shortly after birth in the Roman Catholic Church. He then was baptized as an adult when he joined the Amish Church, probably shortly before he was married to Barbara. Following the division of the Amish Church in 1865 they sided with the group that became Old Order. Then in 1894, when there was a split in this church, they joined Barbara's brother David who organized the Amish Christian Church. During the Civil War he was drafted but was able to avoid a service by paying the fee of $300 for a substitute.

A75.1 Daniel Mazelin, born May 15, 1863, married Catherine Lengacher on December 10, 1891.

A75.2 Mary Mazelin, born June 22, 1865, married Peter Steury on November 27, 1884.

A75.3 Peter F. Mazelin, born July 4, 1867, married Rachel J. Schwartz on October 31, 1895.

A75.4 David F. Mazelin, born July 27, 1869, married Catherine J. "Kate" Schwartz on November 24, 1895.

A75.5 Anna Mazelin, born April 2, 1871, married Rudolph Steury on November 22, 1896.

A75.6 Catherine "Katie" Mazelin, born February 28, 1873, married John J. Schwartz on November 10, 1895.

A75.7 John F. Mazelin, born February 15, 1875, married Leah Amstutz on February 6, 1921.

A75.8 Elizabeth Mazelin, born March 31, 1877, married Joel H. Habegger on January 6, 1896.

A75.9 Lena Mazelin, born September 3, 1879, married Daniel H. Habegger on January 13, 1901.

A76 **Michael Zehr** was born June 15, 1803, in Robertsau, France. Michael was thirty-three years of age and still single when he came to the United States with his brother John and family. They arrived on the ship *Rhone* in New York on August 2, 1841. They settled in Stark County, Ohio. Michael married **Elisabeth Ramseyer** on November 24, 1844, in Stark County. She was born about 1815, the daughter of Johannes Ramseyer and Barbara Kaufmann. They came to the United States on the ship, *Richmond* in 1835. Michael and Elisabeth came to Indiana in the spring of 1853 with a group of fifty-two persons, who came to Allen County, Indiana, with twelve wagons pulled by oxen. With them were their

two girls, and Elisabeth pregnant with her fifth child. They decided to move on to Adams County where he likely worked as a tenant farmer, as they had not purchased land. With them were John and Joseph Schwartz. Their fifth child was born that fall. On October 7, 1854, Michael and his two daughters went to Decatur, Indiana, to apply for citizenship. Less than a year later, he died on September 5, 1855, from unknown causes. After two years, his widow married Joseph Schwartz and they settled in Allen County, Indiana.

A76.1 Barbara Zehr was born December 19, 1845.

A76.2 Christina Zehr was born September 15, 1847, and married August Wickey about 1905.

A76,3 Johannes Zehr was born July 30, 1851 and died September 25, in Stark County, Ohio.

A76.4 Christian Zehr was born September 1, 1852, and died September 19, in Stark County, Ohio.

A76.5 Michael Zehr was born September 14, 1853, in Adams County, Indiana. He married Anna Lengacher on November 28, 1878.

Summary

At the beginning of the 1860s the Amish were well established in Adams County. Some families were prospering. The following chart shows the net worth of those families living in Adams or Wells counties in 1860.

Number	Net Worth
2	100 - 150
1	300
2	400 - 440
2	500 - 550
5	600 - 650
1	700
2	800
1	900
7	1,050 - 1,400
5	1,500 - 1,900
4	2,000 - 2,400
3	2,500 - 2,600
2	3,000 - 3,500
5	3,600 - 3,800
1	4,300
5	5,000 - 5,200
48	98,040

The average net worth was $4,085. But the median net worth was about $1,500. The total net worth of the Amish community was $98,040. The five families with the lowest net worth were struggling. One family had nine children and another seven. They had less than 1.5% of the total wealth, while the five families at the top of the scale had close to a third of the total wealth. One Elder of the congregation, Philip Huser (A12), was among the top five in wealth. The other Elder and the three ministers were all in the top third. John (Johannes) Hirschy (A14), who has the highest net worth in 1850, still held this position in 1860.

The growing Amish population by the end of 1862 now totaled about 368 persons. Of these there were 125 parents. 10 young adults, and 233 children. Of the parents, 3 were widows and 4 were widowers. There were two Bishops giving leadership to the congregation along with four ministers of the Word (Preachers). These men were:

John Rich (A3), who was ordained as a minister of the Word ten years before he arrived in Adams County in 1843. He was 57 years of age.

Philip Huser (A12), was also a minister when he arrived about 1843. He may have been a Bishop/Elder when he arrived, but this could have occurred in Adams County. He was 47 years of age.

Henry Egly (A32), came to Adams County in 1850 and was selected as a Deacon that fall. In 1854 he was elected to serve as a minister of the Word, and then selected to serve as a Bishop in 1858. He was 37 years of age.

Peter Neuhauser (A35), was also a minister when he arrived in 1851. He was about 60 years of age.

Joseph Kaufman (A68), age 38, arrived in Adams County in 1851. It is not known when he was chosen to serve as a minister. It was in his home that the division of the Amish church took place in 1865 under Egly's leadership.

Joseph Schwartz (A51), age 27, came to Adams County in1853. He was ordained as a minister of the Word some time after 1858 by Henry Egly.

There is no record of any person besides Henry Egly being ordained as a Deacon in the Amish church during the period from 1851 to 1862.

In 1862 the Amish of Adams County, Indiana was still a single group, probably functioning as two districts, each with a Bishop. Moving into the succeeding decades, there were many changes, religious and cultural, that the church would be facing. With the advent of new means of transportation, the starting of community schools, and the development and growth of towns, people were confronted with new opportunities as they began to relate to the people around them. Some of the children married across the denominational lines. Two couples' marriages ended in divorce. New ideas and new problems faced the church and people took differing positions in response. For a number of decades the families who were oriented toward traditional patterns of life, were diminished in numbers. But the time would come when the community would again flourish beyond what many would have believed possible.

What may seem strange to some people is the number of surnames that are given that are no longer found among the Old Order Amish of today. When the Amish community divided in 1865, quite a few of those who went with Bishop Henry Egly to form the Egly Amish and then the Defenseless Mennonite Church (today the Evangelical Mennonite Church) did not have any family members who remained within the Amish church.

ENDNOTES

1. Amish congregations in Europe chose men as leaders who had accumulated wealth because of their skill in negotiating leases, and in crop and livestock management. These skills were helpful in leading a congregation.

2. In his autobiography, as translated by Emma Steury from the German, Egly wrote that he was "elected." The original text that Egly wrote has been lost. The word that Egly used could have been *auswählen* which may be translated either as elected or selected. I believe the latter word to be preferable because of the situation in the Amish church at that time. Henry Egly, "A Brief History of My Life," translated by Emma Steury, p. 1.

3. John M. Byler, *Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse*, Olde Springfield Shoppe, Elverson, PA, 1993. p. 183.

4. Ibid. p. 49.

5. Her obituary gives her birth year as 1839.

6. Joseph Stoll, *The Amish in Daviess County*, Indiana, 1997, p. 294.

7. Marabeth Zimmerman Scott published a Zimmerman genealogy in 1985. Corrine Afton of Benton, Kansas has supplied updated information on the birthplaces and dates.

8. In the 1860 census her surname is spelled Slaughter.

9. Research by John Schmeeckle on the family of Johannes Zimmerman of Baldenwegerhof.

10. Dates and places are from the research of Joe Springer, Goshen Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana. Some information on this and other Amish families came from Roman D. Schwartz and Family, *History and Records of Interment 1865-1995 Schwartz Cemetery, Berne, Indiana.* Some records have their children born in Belfort, France which is an error.

11. His passport is in the Archives of the Mennonite Church USA, Goshen, Indiana. Anna D. Schwartz, *Descendants of Johannes Schwartz*, Berne, Indiana, 1949, p. 6, gives dates a year later for the arrival of Hans and Joseph. The dates given are from the ship's record.

12. Joseph Stoll, *The Lengacher-Steury Family History*, Aylmer, Ontario, 1988. pp 361-366.

13. Fredrick J. Schrock, *The Amish Christian Church: Its History and Legacy*,(Altamont,

Tennessee: Ambassador Publishers, 2001.)

14. Research by Joe Springer. Son Solomon Mosser is featured in *Biographical and Historical Record of Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana*, (Chicago, Illinois: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1887, Republished by Board of Trustees, Berne Public Library, Berne, Indiana, 1977), 507. Birth date of February 24, 1794, has also been given.

15. His tombstone gives his birth year as 1831, which is an error for he had a brother born that year.

16. Some information from Joe Springer's research, and from Joseph Stoll, *The Amish in Daviess County, Indiana.*

17. Some records give the year of their marriage as 1903. This is an error as they received their marriage license in 1902.

18. His obituary give his birth month as February. Other sources have March.

19. Some information from Joe Springer's research.

20. The 1850 census of Mead Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania gives her name as Emeline and her age as 27. It is possible that Emeline died and that Jacob then married Magdalena.

21. Information on this family is from the public records of France researched by Joe Springer, Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana.

22. Information on the Schlatter family is from Joe Springer.

23. According to Joe Springer there are two towns with the name Menillot in France. The one where this family lived is most likely the one in *Meurthe-et-Moselle which is on the border with Germany. A search of the LDS information for surnames Mazelin and Etienne does find both surnames indexed in Meurthe-et-Moselle.* He also suggest that Ethene is most likely Etienne as Ethene does not appear as a surname.

24. For a detailed account of the trip and six generations of the family see D.D. Mazelin, *The Mazelins in America*, Berne, IN, 1941.

25. Information from Paul A. Keim, Ashland, Ohio.

Chapter 7
The Apostolic Christian Church

The Early History of the Church

The roots of the Apostolic Christian Church of Adams and Wells counties, Indiana go back to the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland to the town of Langnau. This church began when Samuel Frohlich came to preach in this community in the year 1832.[1] Frohlich, who was born July 4, 1803, at Brugg, Canton Argau, Switzerland, had studied theology in the universities of Basel and Zurich and was ordained as a minister in the Reformed Church. In 1830, while he was serving as a pastor in Leutwil, Canton Argau, the Reformed Church began to use a catechism that he felt was unacceptable. He had been influenced by the Pietistic movement and out of that perspective criticized the new catechism as reflecting rationalistic tendencies. Because of his criticisms, he was dismissed from office in 1831. He then began an independent itinerant ministry, seeking to bring new life to the church. Through contact with the Continental Society of London, which had missionaries in Geneva, Frohlich distanced himself even farther from the Reformed Church by being baptized upon his confession of faith by one of their missionaries in 1832. The method used was sprinkling. During his third missionary travels through parts of Switzerland he came to Langnau in September 1832.

When Frohlich first visited Langnau, he gathered any who would come to listen to him. There were two *Taufer* (Mennonite) ministers, Christen Gerber and his son-in-law Christen Baumgartner, who became interested in what he had to say so invited him to speak in their meeting. Frohlich brought an emphasis upon having a conversion experience that varied from that of the *Taufer*, who invited persons to make a sincere commitment to accept Christ as Savior and Lord and to follow his teachings.

Christen Gerber informed Frohlich that his writings did not include non-retaliation to violence and a loving response to enemies. He assented to adding this to his confession of faith.

The new emphases that Frohlich brought were not acceptable to the other *Taufer* ministers in Langnau and the end result was a division that could not be bridged. The break came when the ministers Christen Gerber and Christen Baumgartner and their followers began to meet secretly and to observe communion. In January 1835, four ministers from the Jura, including David Baumgartner, came to reconcile the growing differences, but were unsuccessful. The final break came when an emissary from Frohlich, George Steiger, a 21-year-old former Catholic priest, came to the group sympathetic to Frohlich and informed them that unless they were baptized by immersion they were still spiritually dead. All those who wanted to follow this new teaching were rebaptized, including these two ministers. In Langnau the group numbered about 120, half of whom came out of the Reformed Church.

In spite of their differences, the new group continued to hold to Anabaptist teachings. They continued to oppose the baptism of infants, the swearing of oaths, and participation in warfare. Church discipline continued to be practiced in similar fashion, and both emphasized living in

simplicity. Both groups chose ministers from among the congregations by lot and observed communion once a year. The form of baptism was a major difference.

Frohlich's followers were soon referred to as *Frohlichianer*, or followers of Frohlich. They were also referred to as *Neutaufer (New Baptizers)*, and those they separated from became known as the *Alttaufer (Old Baptizers)*. The name they gave themselves was *Gemein-Schaft Evangelisch Täufgesinnten,* which is the Evangelical Baptist minded Congregation. In time those who came to America took on the name Apostolic Christian Church, by which it is still known today. In Adams and Wells counties the people were sometimes referred to as New Mennonites. In the Swiss dialect this came out as Neumanist, or Neumanese. In Illinois, where a number of Amish joined the group, they were referred to as New Amish. In Adams and Wells Counties only one Amish man united with them, Jacob Klopfenstein.

The Arrival of the Emmentalers

The extended Strahm and Kipfer families and several others that arrived in 1852 came from the Emmental of Canton Berne, so were referred to as Emmentalers. This distinguished them from those who had arrived earlier who were from the area of the Munsterberg in the Jura. The arrival of a significant number of families from Langnau, who were *Alttaufer,* must have bolstered the morale of the members of the Baumgartner congregation. Since Elder Ulrich Kipfer II (M26) and Matthias Strahm II (M28) were *Alttaufer* ministers they were accepted by the Baumgartner Mennonite congregation when they arrived. They began to give leadership along with the other ministers.

Just three months after the group from the Emmental arrived, another group from the Munsterberg of Canton Bern began arriving in June 1852 with minister Peter S. Lehman. These purchased land just to the east of those who had already settled in French Township in Adams County, and in Harrison Township of Wells County. As far as we know, these were all members of the Alttaufer group.

Although these *Alttaufer* members had much in common, there were significant differences between them. Families like the Lehmans and Neuenschwanders had been expelled from the Emmental more than a hundred years earlier by the Canton of Berne which wanted to preserve the unity of their state-church. When they were expelled, they were forced to leave with only what they could carry and they had lived in relative poverty every since. In the Jura they were isolated from the people who lived in the valleys by language and by government restrictions which permitted them to live only on the tops and sides of the Jura mountains.

Those who came from Langnau in the Emmental were fairly recent converts from the Reformed Church. Elder Ulrich Kipfer II's parents, Ulrich Kipfer I and his wife Katharina Aeschliman, left the Reformed Church of Langnau to unite with the *Taufer* around 1800. On March 15, 1811, three of their children, one of whom was Ulrich II, were forcibly baptized by the Reformed Church pastor, Carl Abraham Stephani, along with twenty-three others, following the order from the Consistory Court. The parents of these children showed their contempt for the action of the authorities by having their children dressed in torn and dirty clothing.[2]

The parents of minister Matthias Strahm II, Matthias Strahm I and his wife Anna Barbara Rothlisberger left the Reformed Church in 1840 to unite with the *Alttaufer*. Their daughter, Maria Anna, and her husband Ulrich Gerber also joined the *Alttaufer* at the same time. This is recorded by the pastor of the Reformed Church in a book in which he kept a record of the Anabaptist families. The Strahm family had observed the stresses of the break between those who followed Samuel Frohlich to become *Neutaufer*, and those who remained within the *Taufer* church. It may have been difficult to decide which way to go.

Minister Matthias Strahm II, was born December 21, 1814, and was baptized in the Reformed Church on January 1, 1815. He must have left the Reformed Church along with his parents in 1840. He was married to Magdalena Kipfer on February 3, 1843, by the *Taufer* Elder, Ulrich Steiner. Her parents, Christen Kipfer and Anna Kipfer, were *Taufer* at the time of their marriage. There is no record of when he was selected to serve as a minister in the *Alttaufer* church, but it was prior to their coming to

America in 1851.

During the years between 1711, when many were expelled from the Emmental, and the 1850s, when the *Taufer* of Langnau decided to come to America, different ways of thinking and different cultural practices likely developed that caused problems for the church in Adams and Wells counties. The *Taufer* in the Jura had lived very isolated lives in the mountains of the Jura, while those living in and around Langnau were influenced by the changes that were occurring throughout the country.

Education in the Jura for the *Taufer* children was very meager, amounting to no more than three or four months a year, with untrained teachers. It was deemed sufficient to teach the children to read the Bible and do simple arithmetic problems. The schools in and around Langnau would have had much more depth and breadth. The cultural differences between the two groups who came to Adams and Wells counties, Indiana, in the 1850s would have been substantial.

There had been some contact between the two groups in Switzerland as the ministers in the Jura had provided some ministerial services to the *Taufer* in the Emmental during the 1700s, when it was perilous for any person in the Langnau community to take on the ministerial role for this struggling group of Anabaptists. But the contact between the two would have been minimal at best. Thus while the relationship had remained cordial, it could have been in spite of growing differences.

The Growing Dissension

As long as Elder David Baumgartner lived, the congregation seems to have functioned quite harmoniously. He was a respected leader who had contact with the *Taufer* church in Langnau while still living in Switzerland, so he was an effective bridge between what eventually became two groups. It would be interesting to know what issues began to fester that eventually split the congregation. John H. Baumgartner, who authored the history of the Apostolic Christian Church, describes the problem as theological. However, he does not identify what issues were so significant that those from the Emmental felt they needed to leave, especially since Matthias Strahm II, was one of the ministers in the church.

There must have been several dynamics, sociological and psychological in addition to the theological, behind the division as we have already illustrated. What raises questions is that both Kipfer and Strahm had leadership positions within the church and Kipfer continued as the Elder in the Baumgartner church until he died March 12, 1866. In fact, in July 1853. Matthias Strahm II, had been in the lot for the Elder position, along with minister Christian Baumgartner, when Peter S. Lehman was selected. The fact that all three ministers were in the lot indicates that the Mennonites (*Alttaufer*) considered themselves as one congregation even though they were beginning to function as two districts.

Just a few months after Lehman was installed into office, on November 3, 1853, Elder David Baumgartner died leaving Ulrich Kipfer, age 48, and Peter S. Lehman, age 32, as the two Elders, and his son Christian Baumgartner, age 44 and Matthias Strahm, age 38, as the preaching ministers. Peter S. Lehman, though the youngest of the group, was not one to take a back seat as he "believed that God's will was shown through the drawing of lots . . . "[3] He has been characterized as "strong-willed" and his grandchildren in reflecting on his life stated that he "preferred to be in complete and total control of the church."[4] If this was the way he started to function at the outset, it is not surprising that conflicts between the ministers erupted.

At age seventy-five, Peter S. Lehman, wrote a history of his life in which he mentions the growing struggle he had with Matthias Strahm.

> *Preacher Matthias Strahm became rebellious along with several of his relatives. Through his gift of speaking he was able to confuse some to the extent that they did not know where they stood. The many meetings and conferences that this cranky person deemed necessary resulted in such conflicts that love was shipwrecked.*[5]

Though Lehman places the blame upon Strahm for not being willing to follow his lead, he certainly was not without a fault. In referring to Matthias as "cranky" it is clear that he did not see how he might have contributed to the conflict. The fact that there were numerous discussions

suggests that quite a bit of effort was made to resolve the problems. But the attitudes were such that a resolution could not be found.

It was around this time, following the death of his father, that Christian Baumgartner relinquished his position as a preacher leaving Matthias as the only minister along with Kipfer. Was he so frustrated by the fussing and arguing that he decided just to back away from it all?

Although there is no documentary evidence, it is possible that several families that came from Langnau may have united with the *Neutaufer* while still in Langnau. When they came, they could have brought with them the negative feelings that existed between the *Neutaufer* and *Alttaufer*. But in coming to Indiana, there was no Apostolic minister to lead them. If there were such members, did they seek to get minister Matthias Strahm II to leave the Mennonites (*Alttaufer*) and become their minister?

One evidence of social distance that existed between the Munsterbergers and the Emmentalers is the fact that there were only two marriages between the young men and women of the two groups during their first ten years in Adams and Wells Counties. One of these ended in divorce in 1863 after nine years of marriage. Only one other divorce occurred during this period in either group. It should also be noted that these two groups who arrived in 1852 and later lived in fairly separate clumps of farms. Because they were separated to some extent, they did not have much opportunity for day to day conversation and collaboration.

One of the lay leaders in the division was Elder Ulrich Kipfer's namesake, his son Ulrich Kipfer III. It is possible that as he grew up under his father's leadership he was uncomfortable being under the dominance of his father, and wanted to create some distance. To do so would mean taking a stance that differed from his father. Doing this in a way that affirmed Christian faith, but in a manner that gave him distance from his father, would bring him the least criticism. Then, too, he could have been attracted to the evangelical emphasis that he was experiencing from other Swiss people who had come to the community. Since this was not the direction his father was leading the congregation he was ready to make a change. Whatever the reasons, Ulrich Kipfer III was ready to separate from his father's church and together with minister Matthias Strahm II took steps to begin a new congregation. When the first baptismal service was held to start the congregation, he stepped forward and was the first to be baptized.

Minister Matthias Strahms's younger brother, Peter Strahm, took a different stance from the church of his brother for he left not only his church family but also his wife and four children to join the Union army to fight in the Civil War. He must have undergone a conversion during the war, or upon his return, for he united with the Apostolic Christian Church as he is buried in its cemetery.

There were problems minister Matthias Strahm II had to face in changing from the *Alttaufer* to the *Neutaufer*. One would be forsaking those who had looked to him for leadership but were not willing to make the change. Also, he would be forsaking his fellow minister, Ulrich Kipfer, in doing so. One wonders what kind of discussions they might have had as Strahm began to make moves to leave the *Alttaufer*. Then, to become a minister in the *Neutaufer* church Strahm would need to be recognized by them. This would mean being baptized again by immersion. He had already been baptized twice: once at birth, and then when he united with the *Taufer*. On the positive side, he was aligning himself with the rest of his family. Also, he would be free to lead the church without having to defer to Elder Lehman. There is no record of the feelings that existed between the Mennonites and the Apostolic Christian Church following the break. Certainly the break was hurtful and there is little doubt that harsh thoughts were expressed in various ways when the break occurred. The Mennonite Church would have considered those leaving as deserters, and unfaithful to their baptismal and ordination vows.

On the opposite side, those who now formed the *Neutaufer* or *Neumanese* congregation justified their break by saying that they had found a truer and more faithful way of expressing their faith, and that they were now the true followers of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. The new English name that they gave themselves, Apostolic Christian Church, separated them from the

Mennonites in a way that created distance that cast long shadows. The aging Mennonite (*Alttaufer*) Elder Ulrich Kipfer II was surely torn inwardly by the division which he could not prevent. Eva Sprunger comments in her biography of Ulrich that "the father remained loyal to his church to the time of his death March 12, 1866."[6]

In March 1858, when they were ready to make the break from the Baumgartner Church, Matthias Strahm II, age 43, and Ulrich Kipfer III, age 28, walked, and caught rides on wagons, to Sardis, a village located in Monroe County along the Ohio river in eastern Ohio. There they met with the Apostolic ministers Joseph Bella and Isaac Gehring. It did not take long to establish a rapport with each other. Bella consented to come to Adams County to preach and to baptize those who were ready to become a part of a new church.

Bella arrived in May 1858. After several meetings there were eighteen who testified to a conversion experience and made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ. They were deemed ready for baptism. It is reported that Ulrich Kipfer III was the first to be baptized in a near-by pond. This was a second baptism for him. Minister Matthias Strahm II and his wife Magdalena Kipfer must have been rebaptized also, although this is not reported. Following the baptisms Matthias was elected by the group to be their minister.[7] It would be of interest to know the names of the other seventeen persons that were baptized that day. One couple could have been Ulrich Gerber and his wife Maria Anna Strahm who had united with the *Alttaufer* in Langnau in 1840. Maria was a sister to minister Matthias Strahm.

It may have been disappointing to Matthias that he was never ordained as an Elder while he lived in Indiana. Elder Robert Bella, who came from eastern Ohio to start the church, continued to serve in that role, and made periodic visits from his home. He likely felt it inappropriate to ordain Strahm as an Elder right after he had made the switch from the *Alttaufer* (Mennonite) Church. Strahm served the congregation as a minister from 1858 until 1870 when his extended family moved to the community around Bern, in Nemaha County, Kansas.

The first resident Elder was Adam Hartman who was ordained in 1887 by Robert Bella. The history of the congregation does not report on how he was selected for this office. Hartman only served one year as he died in 1888. Nicholas Baumgartner was then chosen to serve and he filled this position until he died in 1901. The Nicholas Baumgartner family came into the community from Elgin, Iowa in 1865. He was married to Leah Habegger and had been serving as an Apostolic minister prior to coming to Indiana. Both Nicholas and Leah were from the Emmental, so had the same background as those in the Wells County community. Nicholas Baumgartner's family roots do not appear to go back to Langnau, so the relationship with the Mennonite Baumgartner family would have been somewhat distant, if at all.

At the beginning this new church group met in their homes as did the Mennonites and the Amish. Since people came from some distance, a luncheon was served by the host family of these church groups. Other families from various parts of Canton Bern, Switzerland joined the church. Some had been affiliated with this church prior to coming to America and some likely were converts who listened to the preaching of Matthias Strahm II. As the church grew, their homes became too small to hold all those who came to worship so they erected their first building for worship in 1867. This was a little over a decade after the two Mennonite groups (Baumgartner and Lehman) began erecting church buildings in 1856. The land was donated by Benedict and Anna Aeschliman Baumgartner. It is likely that the church chose the name Apostolic Christian Church at this time for they needed to make out a deed for the church property. A group in Illinois had already erected a building and used this name first.

Following the departure to Kansas of the Matthias Strahm II family, Jacob Schär was selected to serve as a minister and filled this position until he and several other families moved to Oregon in 1879. The next year Ulrich Kipfer III was chosen and he served until his death in 1907.

It appears that most of the first families to form this newly organized congregation were from the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland and primarily from the Langnau community. It does not appear that they were able to attract more

than a few who had come from the Munsterberg area in the Jura of Canton Bern, Switzerland or from those with Amish background. And since they were a Swiss and German speaking people, as were the Mennonites and Amish, their language was a barrier to any evangelistic outreach to their "English speaking" neighbors. Thus growth in numbers was primarily from within and from some additional families that arrived from Switzerland.

Apostolic Christian Church Families

When the Apostolic Christian Church was started in Wells County, Indiana, in 1858, it was largely made up of the extended Strahm family.

AC1 **Matthias (Mathys) Strahm** I (M27) was baptized July 3, 1785, in the Reformed Church of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, the son of Ulrich Strahm and Barbara Schwarz. He married **Anna Barbara Rothlisberger** on March 18, 1808, in the Reformed Church in Langnau. She was born March 5, 1786, in Langnau and went by her middle name. They lived on the farm Vordern Spitzenegg in the community of Langnau.[8] Their first five children were baptized in the Reformed Church of Langnau. Then they joined the *Alttaufer* (Mennonite) Church in 1840, so the remaining children were not baptized as infants. They came to the United States arriving in New York on May 24, 1851, on the ship *Robert Center* with the Ulrich Kipfer family. They arrived in Adams County, Indiana in March 1852. In 1860, when the census taker came by, they were living with their son Ulrich and family in Wells County. His age is given as 75 and hers as 71. Their children were all born in the community of Langnau in the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland. Matthias died about 1866 and Anna died about 1868. There is no record of their burials.

AC1.1 Barbara Strahm, born April 21, 1809, was baptized May 7, 1809. She married Christian Gerber on July 3, 1827. They remained in Switzerland and had fifteen children.

AC1.2 Ulrich Strahm, born November 8, 1810, was baptized November 25, 1810. He married Katharina Schindler on March 21, 1851, just prior to leaving for America.

AC1.3 Maria Anna Strahm, born July 12, 1812, married Ulrich Gerber (AC3) on October 22, 1830.

AC1.4 Mathias Strahm II, born December 21, 1814, was baptized January 1, 1815. He married Magdalena Kipfer on February 3, 1843.

AC1.5 Katharina Strahm, born June 23, 1817, married Jacob Christen on September 29, 1843 in Affoltern, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They likely stayed in Switzerland.

AC1.6 Verena (Franie) Strahm, born June 22, 1819, married John Meyer (AC6) on July 12, 1846.

AC1.7 Peter Strahm, born March 21, 1821, married Magdalena Gerber on December 13, 1844.

AC1.8 Elisabeth Strahm, born September 13, 1822, married Jacob Meyer (AC8) about 1854.

AC1.9 Magdalena Strahm, born April 20, 1824, married Jacob Kahr on September 18, 1843 in Trachselwald, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He died September 18, 1855. She then married John Steffen on June 9, 1862.

AC1.10 Anna Barbara Strahm, born November 24, 1825, married Peter Steffen (AC10) on October 5, 1854.

AC1.11 Christina Strahm, born January 16, 1828, married Christian (Bähler) Baller (AC11) about 1849.

AC1.12 Christian Strahm, born September 12, 1829, married Catherine Gerber on May 4, 1852 in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio.

AC1.13 Anna Lisa Strahm, born June 16, 1831, married Jacob G. Moser (M9.3 & AC13) on May 31, 1855.

AC2 **Ulrich Strahm** (AC1.2), born November 8, 1810, in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Katharina Schindler** on March 21, 1851, in Langnau. She was born August 30, 1821. They likely came to the United States shortly after the rest of the Strahm family as their children were born in Wells County, Indiana. He died April 4, 1901, and she on November 9, 1901. They are buried in the Apostolic Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $6,110.

AC2.1 Elizabeth Strahm, born August 26, 1855, married John Conrad on July 28, 1894.

AC2.2 Daniel Strahm, born September 2, 1857, married Margaret Baumgartner (AC21.11)on March 21, 1883. She died in 1886.

He then married Lydia Klopfenstein (AC24.5) on December 1, 1887.

AC2.3 Magdalena Strahm, born June 2, 1860, married after 1895 to Godfrey Rauch.

AC2.4 Jonas Strahm, born April 23, 1863, married Adele Egly on November 22, 1885. They united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church in Adams County, Indiana.

AC2.5 Barbara Strahm, born about 1864, married on August 3, 1892 John C. Schwartz.

AC3 **Ulrich (Christ) Gerber**[9], born July 2, 1802, in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland was baptized April 2, 1805, in the Reformed Church, Langnau. He married **Maria Anna Strahm** (AC1.3) on October 22, 1830. She was born July 12, 1812, on Oberlehn in the community of Langnau. Following their marriage they lived on the farm Vordern-Spitzenegg. Their first children were baptized in the Reformed Church in Langnau, then in 1840 Ulrich and Maria united with the *Alttaufer* (Mennonite) Church. They came to the United States on the ship *Robert Center*, arriving in New York on May 24, 1851. They came to Wells County in 1852. His death date is not recorded, but he died between 1853 and 1856. Maria died in July 1899 and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. In the 1860 census she is named Anna and she had a net worth of $1,225.

AC3.1 Anna Barbara Gerber, born April 13, 1831, was baptized May 1, 1831. She married Christian M. Neuenschwander (M24) on March 28, 1854. They were members of the Mennonite Church.

AC3.2 John (Johannes) Gerber (AC4), born July 24, 1832, was baptized August 12, 1832. He married Anna Heyerly (AC27.1) on October 31, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana.

AC3.3 Katharina Gerber, born December 28, 1833, married Ulrich Kipfer III (AC14) on August 10, 1855.

AC3.4 Ulrich Gerber, born July 13, 1835, was baptized July 26, 1835. He married Kathleen (Katie) Matthys on March 13, 1866.

AC3.5 Peter Gerber, born September 18, 1836, was baptized October 2, 1836. He married Marie Wierman after 1863.

AC3.6 Magdalena Gerber, born April 9, 1839, was baptized April 28, 1839. She died October 1, 1841 in Switzerland.

AC3.7 Elisabeth Gerber, born July 2, 1840, died October 5, 1841 in Switzerland.

AC3.8 Christian Gerber, born March 24, 1842, died after 1860, likely in Wells County, Indiana.

AC3.9 Verena Gerber, born September 15, 1843, died about 1885 in Bern, Kansas.

AC3.10 Matthias (Mathys) Gerber, born March 14, 1845, married Margaret Ruff, daughter of Frederick, on December 10, 1876, in Wells County, Indiana.

AC3.11 Elisabeth Gerber, born September 20, 1848, died after 1880.

AC3.12 Friedrich Gerber, born June 22, 1850, likely died young.

AC3.13 Jacob Gerber, born in 1851, died on the voyage to the USA.

AC4. **John (Johannes) Gerber** (AC3.2), born July 24, 1832, was baptized August 12, 1832, in the Reformed Church, Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He grew up in the Mennonite Church, and was likely baptized upon his confession of faith. When the Apostolic Christian Church was formed in 1858 he was one of the first members.

He married **Anna Heyerly** on October 31, 1861, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born April 24, 1842, in Wayne County, Ohio. Anna died December 31, 1919, and John on March 14, 1920.

There is a report that he was chosen to serve as a minister in the *Alttaufer* congregation in the community where David Baumgartner lived, Combe de Pery.[10] This would have been about 1840 at eighteen years of age. But no other record of this has been seen, and there is no mention of him serving as a minister in either the Mennonite or Apostolic Christian Church in Adams/Wells counties.

He was a well-known cheese maker for the community. They used an outside brick oven to bake their bread and a drying house to dry fruits and vegetables.[11] In the 1860 census he is listed as a carpenter with a net worth of $625. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells County, Indiana.

AC4.1 Teresa Gerber, born August 14, 1862,

married John J. Minger on September 1, 1883.

AC4.2 Bathsheba Gerber, born January 27, 1864, married William F. Wittmer on June 29, 1905.

AC4.3 Jeff L, Gerber, born January 17, 1866, married Elisabeth Baumgartner (AC22.5) on April 27, 1890.

AC4.4 Deborah Gerber, born November 2, 1869, married Isaac G. Gilliom, Jr. (AC25.4) on June 10, 1891.

AC4.5 Hulda A. Gerber, born April 25, 1871, died November 26, 1902.

AC4.6 Jehu Gerber, born July 23, 1873, married Lydia S. Maller on December 29, 1907.

AC4.7 Elizabeth (Lizzie) V. Gerber, born October 22, 1875, married Orel Gilliom (AC25.6) on April 15, 1906.

AC4.8 John Gerber, born May 23, 1878, died February 8, 1901.

AC4.9 Sarah Gerber, born August 23, 1881, died December 24, 1958.

AC4.10 Joel Gerber, born May 22, 1885, married five times. First, to Lydia Wittmer on August 29, 1904. She died March 27, 1911. Second, to Florence Summers on September 23, 1911, who died March 25, 1921. Third, to Anna Kinsey on September 29, 1921, who died September 16, 1925. Fourth, to Daisy Butcher on February 24, 1926, who died in September 1940. Fifth, to Edna "Betty" Nichols in September 1940.

AC5 **Mathias Strahm II,** (M28, AC1.4) was born December 21, 1814,[12] in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and was baptized in the Reformed Church on January 1, 1815. His parents were not *Taufer* until after he was born. He married **Magdalena Kipfer** on February 3, 1843, the daughter of Christian Kipfer and Anna Kipfer who were *Taufer*. The *Taufer* Elder Ulrich Steiner officiated. She was born November 26, 1826, on the farm Oberlehn. She and her parents were *Taufer* (Mennonite), so he likely was baptized upon his confession of faith and united with this group some time prior to his marriage. Subsequently he was chosen by lot to serve as a preacher within this church. They first lived on the farm Schwand and then on Brummatt in the community of Langnau.

They came to the United States on the ship *Robert Center* that arrived in New York on May 24, 1851. Coming to Adams County in 1852, he served as one of the ministers in the Baumgartner Mennonite Church. In1858 he left the Mennonites and helped start an Apostolic Christian Church in Wells County. In 1870 he and part of the family moved to Bern, Kansas. He died June 27, 1875, and is buried in the Strahm Cemetery in Nemaha County, Kansas. She died February 12, 1891, and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Nemaha County, Kansas. In 1860 his net worth was $4,700. Their first four children were born in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern Switzerland.

AC5.1 Christian Strahm, born August 22, 1845, at Brummatt, Langnau, Switzerland. He died after 1860.

AC5.2 daughter Strahm, born in 1846, died on the boat coming to America and was buried at sea.

AC5.3 Matthias Strahm III, born February 10, 1847, married Mary Lehman on March 15, 1887.

AC5.4 Ulrich Strahm, born March 15, 1849, married Elizabeth Marti on February 12, 1880.

AC5.5 John Strahm, born October 11, 1851, married Lena Wittmer in January 1877.

AC5.6 Tobias Strahm, born August 10, 1858, married Lydia Hartman about 1881. After her death he married Mary Rinkenberger on November 27, 1898 in Bern, Kansas.

AC5.7 Elizabeth (Lesetta) Strahm, born about 1861, died about 1872.

AC5.8 Joseph Strahm, born in August 1863, married Clara Bird on November 27, 1883.

AC5.9 Theophelis M. Strahm, born April 1, 1864, married Marie Rossier on October 8, 1885.

AC6 **John (Johannes) Meyer** was born on May 18, 1818, in Trub, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married on July 12, 1846 to **Verena (Franie) Strahm** (AC1.6), was born June 22, 1819, in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. It is not known when they came to the United States. Their children are reported to have been born in Wells County, Indiana but in the 1860 census they were living in Adams County. She died in 1900, and he on March 2, 1901. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties,

Indiana. His parents were members of the Reformed Church, but he and his sister Elizabeth married spouses in the Apostolic Christian Church and became members with them. His net worth in 1860 was $2,000.

AC6.1 Elisabeth Meyer, born in 1847, married Samuel Baumgartner (AC21.9) about 1866. He died March 25, 1875, in Kansas. She then married Jacob G. Moser (AC13) about 1892.

AC6.2 Verena (Franie) Meyer, born January 8, 1853, married Milton Zubler about 1887.

AC6.3 Japhet Meyer, born September 28, 1858, married Emma Ramsey on March 12, 1881.

AC6.4 Damares Meyer, born October 15, 1861, married John Wenger about 1882, and Henry Plattner.

AC6.5 John Meyer, born March 1, 1864, married Laura M. Miller about 1870.

AC6.6 Obed Meyer, born April 15, 1865, married Sarah Klopfenstein (AC24.3) on November 25, 1888.

AC7 **Peter Strahm** (AC1.7) was born March 21, 1821, in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Magdalena Gerber** on December 13, 1844. She was born in 1813 in Rothenbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland. It is not known when they arrived in the United States. Magdalena died in 1896, and Peter died January 25, 1899. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. Their first two children were likely born in Switzerland and the last two in Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $350.

AC7.1 Elisabeth Strahm, born August 2, 1844, married Durs V. Leyse on September 2, 1869. Following his death she married Christen Gerber.

AC7.2 Anna Strahm, born April 16, 1846, married John Souers.

AC7.3 John Strohm (He changed the spelling of his name.) was born March 4, 1854. He was married on August 25, 1877 to Cecelia C. Barger.

AC7.4 Jacob Strahm, born about 1859 likely died in infancy.

AC8 **Jacob Meyer** was born in 1831, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Elisabeth Strahm** (AC1.8) who was born September 13, 1822. It is not known when they arrived in Wells County, Indiana, but their first child was born there. In 1860 they were living in Adams County and his net worth was $1,000. They moved to Nemaha County, Kansas after 1860 and the rest of their children were born there.

AC8.1 Abraham Meyer, born August 7, 1855 in Wells County, Indiana, married Magdalena Speheger (AC20.1).

AC8.2 Joel D. Meyer, born September 14, 1858, married Lydia Schlupp.

AC8.3 Sophia Meyer, born March 15, 1860, married Fred Widmer.

AC8.4 Christ Meyer, born January 14, 1863, died October 23, 1823.

AC8.5 Elizabeth Meyer, born January 7, 1867, married William Cordell on November 13, 1890.

AC9 **Jakob Kähr**, was born June 18, 1824, in Grunenmatt, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Magdalena Strahm** (AC1.9) on September 18, 1843, at Trachselwald, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was born April 20, 1824 in the community of Langnau. They came on the same ship as her parents, the *Robert Center*, which arrived in New York on May 24, 1851. They arrived in Wells County in 1852. Their first two children were born in Grunenmatt, and the remainder in Wells County, Indiana. He died September 18, 1855, at age 31. His place of burial is not recorded. Magdalena died May 6, 1901, and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

AC9.1 Anna Kaehr, born September 13, 1846, married Benedict Moser on December 1, 1874.

AC9.2 Matthias Kaehr, born December 7, 1848, married Maria Aeschliman on July 8, 1870.

AC9.3 Magdalena Kaehr, born in September 1851, married Simon Aschliman.

AC9.4 Samuel Kaehr, born in 1854, married Rosina Aeschliman on June 20, 1875.

AC9.5 John Kehrn, born August 20, 1855, married Emma Fiechter on December 10, 1877. Following her death he married Margaret Weiss on October 14, 1880, in Wells County.

AC10 **Peter Steffen**, born April 11, 1830, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Anna**

Strahm (AC1.10) on October 5, 1854, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born November 24, 1825 in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. For a time they lived in Adams County, Indiana and son Peter was born here. Then they moved to Wells County, where the rest of their children were born. Anna died August 12, 1907, and Peter on July 13, 1913. They are both buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $330.

AC10.1 Peter Steffen, born August 21, 1856 married Elizabeth Schwartz on December 6, 1880.

AC10.2 Rachael Steffen, born January 6, 1858, married John Kipfer on June 6, 1886.

AC10.3 Leah Steffen, born April 4, 1860, married September 21, 1883 to John Maller.

AC10.4 Elizabeth Steffen, born September 30, 1861, married her sister's widow, John Maller after 1923.

AC10.5 Tobias Steffen, born August 20, 1863, married Magdalena Kohler.

AC10.6 Nathaniel Steffen, born January 7, 1868, married Louisa Baller.

AC10.7 Enoch Steffen, born September 10, 1869, married Julia Shuherk on June 8, 1896 at Leo, Allen County, Indiana.

AC11 **Christen (Bähler) Baller,** born about 1821 in Buchholterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Christina Strahm** (AC1.11) about 1849 in Switzerland. They came to the United States about 1851, but not on the same ship as her parents. They arrived in Wells County about 1852-3. He died January 24, 1892, and she on August 20, 1895. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $1,820.

AC11.1 Christian Baller, was born in 1850 in Switzerland. He likely died in infancy.

AC11.2 Elizabeth (Asa) Baller, was born about 1852 in Ohio. She married John Frauhiger (AC19.1) on January 20, 1874, in Wells County.

AC11.3 Sarah Baller, born about 1854 in Wells County, died between 1860 and 1870.

AC11.4 Abraham Baller, born February 8, 1857, married Rosina Reusser on September 4, 1876. They moved to Silverton, Oregon.

AC11.5 David Baller, born June 27, 1858, married Mary Speheger (AC20.3).

AC11.6 Christian Baller, born April 26, 1860, married Sarah Baumgartner (AC21.4).

AC11.7 Anna Baller, born October 3, 1864, married Joel Gehring on February 8, 1896.

AC11.8 Samuel Baller, born September 15, 1867, married Mina Wenger.

AC11.9 John Baller, born about April 1870, married Emma Neuenschwander on April 28, 1894.

AC12 **Christian Strahm** (AC1.12), was born September 12, 1829, in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Catherine Gerber** (AC1.12) on May 4, 1852, in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. They continued to live in Ohio until about 1863 as their first three children were born there. They then returned to Wells County, Indiana where two more of their children were born. The family moved to Nemaha County, Kansas about 1870 when his father moved there.

AC12.1 John Strahm, born September 21, 1856, married Wilhelmina Leuthold in June 1882.

AC12.2 Joel Strahm, born January 14, 1859, married Margaretta Marshaled.

AC12.3 Rosalena Strahm, born July 13, 1862, married John Aeschliman on March 6, 1878.

AC12.4 William C. Strahm, born October 2, 1864 in Wells County, married Amelia Leuthold.

AC12.5 Salome Strahm, born December 21, 1866 in Wells County, married John Kellenberger on November 15, 1885.

AC12.6 Judith Strahm, born April 7, 1870, died August 20, 1893 in Nemaha County, Kansas.

AC12.7 Sophia Strahm, born January 15, 1875 in Nemaha County, Kansas, married Menno Steiner on July 8, 1900.

AC13 **Jacob G. Moser** (M9.3),[13] born June 15, 1829 on La Combe (Gumbio), Montagne de Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Anna Lisa Strahm** (AC1.13) on May 31, 1855, in Adams County, Indiana. She was born June 16, 1831 in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She came to the United States with her parents in 1851. The date of his arrival is not known. They lived in Adams County, Indiana where all their children were born. Anna died December 21, 1890. Jacob then married

Elisabeth Meyer Baumgartner (AC6.1) about 1892, the widow of Samuel Baumgartner. Living with them in 1860 was Matthias (Carr) Kahr, age 16 who was born in Switzerland. Jacob died January 4, 1904. Both Anna and Jacob are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $1,300.

AC13.1 David J. Moser, born April 14, 1856, married Maria Magdalena Baumgartner (M4.7) on December 12, 1880.

AC13.2 Elias Moser, born May 4, 1857, married Mary Reinhard (18.2) on April 25, 1882.

AC13.3 John Moser, born July 24, 1858, married Elisabeth Lehman.

AC13.4 Abraham J. Moser, born November 27, 1859, married Barbara Lehman on April 9, 1900 in her parents' home.

AC13.5 Elisabeth Moser, born November 5, 1860, died September 9, 1861.

AC13.6 Maria Moser, born January 9, 1866, married Daniel Kipfer.

AC13.7 Aaron Moser, born June 4, 1867, married Aldine K. Klopfenstein (AC24.6) on May 20, 1891.

AC13.8 Noah Moser, born August 27, 1868, married Anna E. Reimschisel.

AC13.9 Joseph Moser, born April 23, 1870, married Emma Mary Joray (R7.2.3) on July 15, 1899.

AC13.10 Lydia Moser, born August 14, 1871, died October 12, 1871.

AC13.11 Emma Moser, born January 4, 1874, married Joel U. Kipfer (AC14.9).

AC13.12 Elizabeth Moser, born September 17, 1884, died December 3, 1884.

AC14 **Ulrich Kipfer** III (M26.2) was born July 28, 1829, on the farm Rheingut, in the community of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States with his parents on the ship *Robert Center* which arrived in New York on March 24, 1851. The family settled in Adams County in March 1852. He married **Katharina (Trena) Zimmerli**, who was born in 1831. They were married for a short time as she died in 1855. He then married **Katharina Gerber** on August 10, 1855, in the home of her parents. She was born December 28, 1833, in Langnau, Switzerland. Though a member of the Baumgartner Mennonite Church where his father was the Elder, he left this church and was baptized in 1858 by Robert Bella as the first of eighteen members of the new Apostolic Christian Church that was formed in Adams County, Indiana. Later in life he was chosen to serve as a minister in this church, possibly after the death of Elder Adam Hartman in 1888. Katharina Gerber died in 1876, and Ulrich then married **Maria Trittenbach** some time after that year. She died in 1896. In 1860 he had a net worth of $1,900. He died July 26, 1907, and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adam/Wells counties, Indiana. His children were born in Adams County, Indiana.

AC14.1 Verena (Fanny) Kipfer, born in 1857, died about 1870.

AC14.2 Ephraim Kipfer, born in 1859, married Margaret Barton about 1890.

AC14.3 Manassa (Manas) Kipfer, born March 27, 1860, died December 18, 1880 and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana.

AC14.4 Mary Kipfer, born December 17, 1862, married in March 1883 to William Reinhard (AC18.1).

AC14.5 Elisabeth Kipfer, born in 1863, died in 1872.

AC14.6 Dina Kipfer, born April 15, 1865, married Andrew Bertsch on Mary 28, 1897.

AC14.7 Daniel Kipfer, born April 27, 1867, married Mary Moser in 1885.

AC14.8 William Kipfer, born December 7, 1868, married Elizabeth Speheger (AC20.5) on November 8, 1892.

AC14.9 Joel Ulrich Kipfer, born December 2, 1870, married Emma Moser (13.11) about 1896. After her death in 1915, he married Lena Heyerly on January 14, 1917.

AC14.10 Elizabeth Kipfer, born October 10, 1872, married Orel Gilliom (AC25.6) on March 18, 1895.

AC14.11 Katherine Kipfer, born June 22, 1874, married Daniel O. Reinhard on November 20, 1905.

AC15 **Ulrich Schwartz** (M64) was born November 10, 1810, in the Chaluet valley, Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was baptized in Langnau on November 18, 1810, in the Reformed

Church. He married **Anna Liechti** at Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland on October 11, 1836. She was born in Court on June 24, 1813. He united with the *Taufer* (Mennonite) in 1831. They, with two of their children, came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio in the spring of 1851. One child had died earlier. She and her two children died of Typhoid after their arrival.[14]

He came to Newville in Adams County, Indiana in 1854. Here he married **Anna Barbara Kipfer** (M27.3) on June 8, 1855, in Wells County, Indiana. At first they lived near Auburn, Indiana then moved to near Vera Cruz. Six of their children married grandchildren of Benedict Baumgartner and his wives, Anna Roth and Anna Hubacher. At first this family was Mennonites, but when Strahm began the Apostolic Christian Church, they went with him. Anna was a sister of Ulrich Kipfer III who gave leadership in forming this new congregation. They may have been among the first eighteen to be rebaptized by Bella. Ulrich died September 29, 1887, and Anna Barbara on March 11, 1901. They are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana.

AC15.1 Jakob Schwartz (M64.1), born 30 October 1836, likely died young.

AC15.2 Anna Elisabeth Schwartz (M64.2) born 18 February 1839, died before 1854.

AC15.3 Marianne Schwartz (M64.3) born 14 September 1842, died before 1854.

AC15.4 Daniel Schwartz (M64.4), born April 20, 1856, married Anna Aeschlimann.

AC15.5 Elisabeth Schwartz (M64.5) was born April 20, 1858, and died in 1939.

AC15.6 John J. Schwartz (M64.6), born September 29, 1860, married Maria R. Baumgartner (AC22.4) on January 10, 1888.

AC15.7 Katherine (Katie) Schwarz (M64.7), born May 27, 1863, married Joseph Baumgartner (AC21.13) on October 24, 1882.

AC15.8 Maria (Mary) Schwarz (M64.8), born October 2, 1865, married Benjamin N. Baumgartner (AC22.3) on December 9, 1882.

AC15.9 Rosina Schwartz (M64.9), born October 27, 1870, married Joel Baumgartner (AC23.3).

AC15.10 William Schwartz (M64.10), born March 17, 1872, married Lena Baumgartner.

AC15.11 Joel Schwartz (M64.11), born September 7, 1875, married Salome Baumgartner.

AC16 **Ulrich Neuenschwander** was born March 23, 1822, in Eggiwil, Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married on August 10, 1849, likely in Signau, to **Elisabeth Steffen**. She was born February 14, 1828, in Eggiwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. The family came to the United States to Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio in the Spring of 1853. Then that fall they came to Adams County, Indiana. Ulrich died on January 6, 1906, and Elisabeth died June 15, 1907, in French Township, Adams County, Indiana. They are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells Counties, Indiana. It is not known when they united with the Apostolic Christian Church. Her family had Reformed Church connections, and he may have had such also. Their first three children were likely born in the community of Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. The remainder were born in Adams County, Indiana.

AC16.1 Ulrich Neuenschwander, born October 16, 1849, died March 18, 1850 in Switzerland.

AC16.2 Elisabeth Neuenschwander, born February 29, 1851, died January 12, 1857.

AC16.3 Ulrich Neuenschwander, born May 18, 1852, married Elizabeth Frauhiger (AC19.5) on February 12, 1876.

AC16.4 Peter Neuenschwander, born June 15, 1854, married Lena Biberstein (R28.6.3). She died February 9, 1919 and is buried in St. John Cemetery.

AC16.5 John Neuenschwander, born November 15, 1856, married Mary Barger.

AC16.6 Friedrich Neuenschwander, born March 9, 1859, may have died young.

AC16.7 Daniel Neuenschwander, born February 23, 1860, married Elizabeth Herman on February 9, 1889.

AC16.8 Solomon Neuenschwander, born January 5, 1862, married Elizabeth Gerber on December 8, 1894.

AC16.9 Joel Neuenschwander, born February 23, 1864, married Rosie Hofstetter.

AC16.10 Japhet Neuenschwander, born February 15, 1867, died March 1, 1867.

AC16.11 Leah Neuenschwander, born April

10, 1868, married Samuel Lochner.

AC17 **Jakob Frauhiger**, born in 1790 in Switzerland, married **Elisabeth Eggiman** on January 24, 1812, in Switzerland.[15] She was also born in 1790. They had three children. Jakob died in 1854. in Switzerland. The widow Elisabeth then came to the United States in 1855, with her son Johannes and family and her two youngest daughters. They first went to Ohio. It is not known where or when she died. The three children came to Wells County, Indiana at different times not long afterward. The children were all baptized in the Reformed Church in Switzerland.

AC17.1 Jakob Frauhiger, baptized June 7, 1812, died January 18. 1842.

AC17.2 Andreas Frauhiger, baptized May 3, 1816, died November 27, 1845. He was married.

AC17.3 Ulrich Frauhiger, baptized July 2, 1819, died November 3, 1841.

AC17.4 Katharina, baptized December 16, 1821, married Christian Neuenschwander on October 17, 1845 in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

AC17.5 Johannes (John) Frauhiger, was baptized May 21, 1824, in Switzerland. He married in Switzerland to Barbara Neuhauser in 1849.

AC17.6 Samuel Frauhiger, baptized December 10, 1826, died July 9, 1836.

AC17.7 Verena (Fannie) Frauhiger, born June 18, 1829, baptized July 24, 1829, married Daniel Reinhard (AC18) about 1856, in Ohio.

AC17.8 Elisabeth Frauhiger, born July 10, 1832, baptized July 20, married John Speheger (AC20) of Wyssachen, Canton Bern, Switzerland on August 23, 1856.

The Daniel Reinhart Family

Daniel Reinhart, and his wife Annamarie Marboth, of Canton Bern, Switzerland had four sons who came to the United States about 1855, of which three came to Adams County. These three were Daniel II, Ulrich, and Fredrick. Only Daniel was married before 1862. The parents remained in Switzerland.

AC18 **Daniel Reinhard** II was born April 8, 1833, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married **Verena (Fannie Frauhiger** (AC17.7) in 1854 in Switzerland. She was born June 18, 1829. They were in Wells County by 1857. The first two children were born in Ohio, the remainder in Wells County, Indiana. Daniel II died March 6, 1898, and Fannie died March 27, 1905. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams/Wells Counties, Indiana.

AC18.1 William Reinhard, born July 30, 1857, married Mary Kipfer (AC14.4) in March 1883.

AC18.2 Mary Reinhard, born December 20, 1859, married Elias Moser (AC13.2) on April 25, 1882.

AC18.3 Daniel D. Reinhard was born in May 1861. He married Rosa Hartman.

AC18.4 Lena Reinhard, born February 16, 1863, married John Fiechter.

AC18.5 Joel Reinhard, born July 29, 1967, married Edith Feisley on August 9, 1903.

AC18.6 Elizabeth Reinhard, born June 22, 1869, married Gideon Lantz on January 12, 1912.

AC18.7 Joseph Reinhard, born March 9, 1872, married Sarah Blocker on November 8, 1919.

AC18.8 Fannie Reinhard, born August 22, 1874, married Jacob Kaehr on March 15, 1903.

AC19 **John Frauhiger** (AC17.2), born in 1830, in Switzerland, married **Barbara Neuhauser** in 1849. In 1855, they came to the United States with their two children and his widowed mother, Elisabeth Eggiman Frauhiger. John's father, Jacob Frauhiger had died a year earlier, in 1854. Their first three children were born in Switzerland. The next two were born in Ohio, and the last is recorded as having been born in Wells County, Indiana. They must have arrived in Wells County around 1859, but they were not recorded in the 1860 census. John died in 1865. It is not known where he is buried.

On February 23, 1867, widow Barbara was married to **Frederick Roof** by Mennonite minister, Christian Baumgartner. Frederick was born about 1824, in Switzerland and had been married to a Verena (Fanny) in Switzerland. Barbara and Frederick are listed in the 1870 census and they were living in French Township, Adams County.

AC19.1 John Frauhiger II, born January 18,

1850, married Elizabeth (Asa) Baller (AC11.2) on January 20, 1874. She died in 1880, and he then married Rosa Aeschliman.

AC19.2 Ulrich Frauhiger, born July 5, 1852, married Mary Klopfenstein (AC24.1) on June 20, 1875.

AC19.3 David Frauhiger, born in 1853, died in 1855, on the voyage to America and was buried at sea.

AC19.4 Philip Frauhiger, born May 5, 1856, likely in Ohio, married Bertha Mina Meyer (AC23.3) on July 12, 1882.

AC19.5 Elizabeth Frauhiger, born in November 1858, in Ohio, married Ulrich Neuenschwander (AC16.3) on February 12, 1876.

AC19.6 William Frauhiger, born December 25, 1859 in Wells County, Indiana, married Sarah Meyer (AC23.2) about 1881.

AC20 **John Speheger**, born 1839 in Switzerland, married **Elizabeth Frauhiger** (AC17.8) on August 23, 1856, in Wayne County, Ohio. They came to Wells County, Indiana about 1861-2.

AC20.1 Magdalena (Lena) Speheger, was born in 1857. About 1882, she married Abraham Meyer (AC8.1).

AC20.2 Benjamin Speheger, born October 12, 1860, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Elizabeth Dubach on December 31, 1897.

AC20.3 Mary Speheger, born October 9, 1863, in Wells County, Indiana, married David Baller (AC11.5).

AC20.4 John C. Speheger, born August 5, 1869, married Rosa Dubach about 1900.

AC20.5 Elizabeth Speheger, born February 27, 1872, married William Kipfer (AC14.8) on November 8, 1892.

AC21 **Benedict Baumgartner**, born January 12, 1806, in Bangerton, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Anna Hauert** on August 20, 1824. She was born June 2, 1806. They came to the United States about 1842 and settled in Monroe County, Ohio, near Sardis with five sons and a daughter. Anna died in 1855. At this time he may have moved to Wells County, Indiana where he married **Anna Hubacher Aeschliman** about 1856. She was the widow of Mathys Aeschliman with whom she had five children. She was born in December 1822.[16] Bendicht died in 1879, and his second wife died January 19, 1911. They are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. Benedict and Anna were the donors of the land for the church building and cemetery. Their first seven children were born in Switzerland, and the next two in Monroe County, Ohio. It is not known if this Baumgartner family is related to the Mennonite Baumgartners. The children who lived in Wells County as adults were Nicklaus, Jacob, and Peter. They are the first four children of Anna Hubacher. This family must have been in another state in 1860 as they do not appear in the census of that year.

AC21.1 Benedict Baumgartner, born March 13, 1825, married Elisabeth Gerber on February 17, 1854. Following her death he married Magdalena Gerber.

AC21.2 Elizabeth Baumgartner, born July 1, 1827, married John Ramseyer.

AC21.3 Anna Baumgartner, born July 6, 1829, married Benedict Frieden about 1849.

AC21.4 Nicklaus Baumgartner, born October 14, 1832, married Barbara Gerber about 1858.

AC21.5 Maria Baumgartner was born November 17, 1833. Likely died young.

AC21.6 Jacob Baumgartner, born April 24, 1836, married Anna Geisel in November 1862.

AC21.7 Samuel Baumgartner was born in September 1840.

AC21.8 Peter B. Baumgartner, born December 10, 1842, married Mary Hawkins about 1863. He enlisted in the Union Army while living in Ohio. Following the war he must have been reconciled to the Apostolic Christian Church for he came to Kirkland Township, Adams County, Indiana and was a part of the church here. He was killed by lightning on May 6, 1902, and was buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana.

AC21.9 Samuel Baumgartner, born April 1, 1845, married Elizabeth Meyer (AC6.1).

AC21.10 Frederick Baumgartner was born in September 1847. Likely died young.

Children with Anna Hubacher were born in Wells County, Indiana.

AC21.11 Margaret Baumgartner, born in 1857, married Daniel Strahm (AC2.2) on March 21, 1883.

AC21.12 Elizabeth Baumgartner, born September 28, 1858, in Wells County, Indiana, married Jacob Tanner.

AC21.13 Joseph Baumgartner, born September 1, 1859, married Katherine (Katie) Schwartz (AC15.7) October 24, 1882. She died September 22, 1884. Joseph then married Salome Steffen on March 15, 1886.

AC21.14 Sarah Baumgartner, born August 21, 1860, married Christian Baller (AC11.6).

AC21.15 Isaac Baumgartner, born about 1863 married Mary Hannie. Following her death he married Rosa Thann on March 10, 1900.

AC22 **Nicklaus Baumgartner** (AC21.4), born October 14, 1832, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, came to the United States about 1842. He lived with his parents in Monroe County, Ohio, and then moved to Fayette County, Iowa, where there was an Apostolic Christian community. There he was chosen to serve as a minister. He married **Barbara Gerber** about 1858, also born in Switzerland. The family came to Wells County, Indiana in 1865, so he also served as a minister here along with Matthias Strahm. When the Elder, Adam Hartman, died in 1888, Nicholas was chosen to replace him. He served in this capacity until he died March 2, 1901.[17] The last three children were likely born in Adams County, Indiana. Anna died February 20, 1910. Both parents are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana.

AC22.1 Joseph Baumgartner, born December 2, 1859, married Emma Brunner on March 15, 1879.

AC22.2 Benjamin N. Baumgartner, born May 6, 1861, married Maria (Mary) Schwartz (AC15.8) on December 9, 1883.

AC22.3 Joel Baumgartner, born May 23, 1863, in Fayette Co., Iowa, married Rosina Schwartz (AC15.9) on March 9, 1899.

AC22.4 Maria Baumgartner, born May 7, 1865, married John Schwartz (AC15.6) about 1887.

AC22.5 Elizabeth Baumgartner, born July 10, 1867, married Jeff L. Gerber (AC4.3) on April 27, 1896.

AC22.6 Samuel Baumgartner, born December 25, 1870, in Adams County, married Elizabeth Tanner on June 2, 1890.

AC23 **Peter Nicholas Meyer** II (R2.4) was born May 22, 1831, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came with his parents to Wells County in the spring of 1841. His parents and siblings were members of the Reformed Church. He married **Mary Saurer** (R1.9) on July 3, 1856, in New Ville (Vera Cruz), Indiana. Mary had one child and died a few months later in 1857. He then married **Elizabeth (Moser) Mosure** on December 26, 1860. She was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland on April 5, 1842 and came to the United States with her parents, Peter Moser and Susanna Moser in 1849. She was born January 6, 1857, and was baptized in the Reformed Church on August 11, 1857. This family lived in Wells County. Peter died of heart trouble and dropsy on November 11, 1909, and Elizabeth died January 31, 1911. Both Peter and Elizabeth are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. It is not known when then family united with the Apostolic Christian Church.

AC23.1 Elizabeth Meyer, born January 6, 1857, died August 11, 1857.

AC23.2 Sarah Meyer, born August 5, 1862, married William Frauhiger (AC19.6) on January 21, 1882.

AC23.3 Bertha Mina Meyer, born January 15, 1865, married Philip Frauhiger (AC19.4) on July 22, 1822.

AC23.4 Albert Meyer, born May 5, 1867, married Sarah Schwartz in November 1890.

AC23.5 Jonas (Joney) Meyer, born November 28, 1869, married Mary Rich on September 29, 1894.

AC23.6 David Meyer, born January 17, 1872, married Margaret "Maggie" Engler (R25.8) on June 15, 1899.

AC23.7 Jacob Meyer, born July 25, 1874, married Ida Beeler on August 5, 1893.

AC23.8 Elizabeth Meyer, born January 1877, married John Weinland.

AC23.9 Ida Meyer, born November 3, 1885, married Louis F. Baumgartner on May 27, 1911.

AC24 **Jacob Klopfenstein** I, born Dec. 03, 1836 was born in the community of Belfort, France. He married **Elisabeth Meyer** (R2.7) on

May 19, 1857.[18] She was born November 28, 1836 in Switzerland and was a sister to Peter Nicholas Meyer (AC23). She came to the United States on the ship *Duchess d'Orleans* which arrived in New York on July 8, 1839. Jacob's parents were Amish and he was the only member of the family to unite with the Apostolic Christian Church.

He became the sixth minister in the Apostolic Christian Church and served along with Ulrich Kipfer III and Samuel Feisley.[19] Their children were born in Adams County, Indiana. Living with them in 1860 was Margaret Eash, age 8, who was born in Switzerland. Elizabeth died September 5, 1899, and Jacob died January 10, 1900. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $1,400.

AC24.1 Mary Klopfenstein, born July 15, 1858, married Ulrich Frauhiger (AC19.2) on June 20, 1875. He died June 23, 1882, and she then married David Eckrote on June 20, 1875. Following his death on September 15, 1897, she married William Fisher.

AC24.2 David Klopfenstein, born February 2, 1862, married Marianne Ashbacher on October 13, 1888.

AC24.3 Sarah Klopfenstein, born February 6, 1865, married Obed Meyer (AC6.6) on November 25, 1888.

AC24.4 Jeff Klopfenstein, born March 7, 1866, married Aldine Zaugg on July 9, 1888.

AC24.5 Lydia Klopfenstein, born February 1, 1868, married Daniel Strahm (AC2.2) on December 11, 1887.

AC24.6 Aldine K. Klopfenstein, born December 10, 1871, married Aaron Moser (AC13.7) on May 20, 1891.

AC24.7 Joel Klopfenstein, born December 4, 1872, married Susanna Hirschy on March 22, 1902. She was the daughter of Louis Hirschy and Fannie Lesh who were members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. The Hirschy family moved to Lagrange County, and then to Tippecanoe County where Louis died January 28, 1898. The widow then moved back to Adams County with her children. Joel and Susanna moved to Tuscumbia, Alabama where they had two children. There Joel had a tavern. They moved back to Adams County and then Joel and Susanna divorced. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery.[20]

AC24.8 Jacob Klopfenstein II, born February 28, 1875, married Sarah Bentz on August 21, 1901.

AC24.9 Emma Klopfenstein, born September 12, 1876, married Samuel Yost on November 17, 1894. He died May 7, 1915 and she then married Samuel Baumgartner.

AC24.10 Elizabeth Klopfenstein, born October 3, 1879, married Joel Baumgartner on January 28, 1890. Following his death she married Frank Brazier on December 23, 1914.

The Abraham Gilliom Family

Two members of the Mennonite family Abraham Gilliom (M16) and Magdalena Moser united with the Apostolic Christian Church. They were Isaac (M16.3), born April 4, 1832, and his sister Magdalena (M16.4), born December 8, 1833. They were both born in Wayne County, Ohio and came to Wells County in the spring of 1846. One day Magdalena said to her brother, "Isaac, I have found the right way." She then joined the church. Isaac listened to his sister and joined this church as well.[21] Since the Gilliom family lived in Harrison Township of Wells County, they were in close proximity to members of the church with which they affiliated. It appears that they may have been the only Mennonites who united with the Apostolic Christian Church after the start of the church.

AC25 **Isaac Gilliom** (M16.3), born April 4, 1832, in Wayne County, Ohio, came with his parents to Wells County, Indiana in the spring of 1846. He married **Melanie Haenny** (O8.3) about the fall of 1860, as he was still living with his parents when the census taker came by that year. She was born May 3, 1836, in Switzerland. He likely joined the Apostolic Christian Church a short time before his marriage for she joined some time later. She had been a member of St. John Reformed Church. The first of their children were born in Wells County, and the later ones in Adams County. Isaac died December 6, 1903, and Melanie on February 14, 1904. Both are buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Adams/Wells counties, Indiana.

AC25.1 Charles Gilliom, born September 9,

1861, married Anna Neuenschwander (M24.9) on May 1, 1886.

AC25.2 Daniel Gilliom, born February 12, 1863, married Carrie Yarger on May 2, 1903.

AC25.3 Drusilla Gilliom, born September 19, 1864, married Henry Groh on October 28, 1888. They raised their family in Wells County, Indiana then moved to Elgin, Illinois. In their latter years they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana and attended church in Leo, Indiana.

AC25.4 Isaac G. Gilliom, born February 8, 1866, married Deborah Gerber (AC4.4) on May 10, 1891.

AC25 5 Abraham Gilliom, born September 8, 1867, died April 19, 1896.

AC25.6 Orel Gilliom, born January 8, 1870 in Adams County, married Elizabeth Kipfer (AC14.10) on March 18, 1895. After her death on November 13, 1903, he married Elizabeth V. Gerber (AC4.7) on April 15, 1906.

AC25.7 Aldine Gilliom, born July 12, 1873, married David Levy on November 6, 1898. His parents were from Switzerland and lived near Junction, Ohio where he likely was born. He came to Wells County, Indiana and worked for minister Adam Hartman, who lived a mile east of the church. When he and Aldine had their own farm, he always had nice horses. When there was a funeral, he was frequently called on to have his horses pull the hearse.[22]

AC25.8 Mary Gilliom, born May 3, 1875, married Joel Kipfer on February 3, 1901.

AC25.9 Louis Gilliom, born September 22, 1876, died March 28, 1879.

AC25.10 Henry Gilliom, born December 25, 1879, married Nellie M. Bennett on June 20, 1914.

AC26 **Magdalena Gilliom** (M16.4), born December 8, 1833, in Wayne County, Ohio, married **Christian Lepper** (R)about 1858. He was born February 13, 1838, in Germany and arrived in the United States about 1846. It is not known how or when Magdalena became interested in the Apostolic Christian Church, but she likely joined it about the time it was formed in 1858.[23] She may have left the church when she married as there is no mention of Christian being a member and no information is given on their children in the history of the church. Christian was a member of the Reformed Church for a time, but was expelled. She was buried in St. John's UCC Cemetery following her death on January 28, 1873. Christian then married Catherine Heller. Christian died July 13, 1899, and is also buried in St. John's UCC Cemetery.

AC26.1 Lucy Lepper, born November 5, 1859 married John Bauer.

AC26.2 Mary Lepper, born July 19, 1864, married David Eckrote about 1886.

AC26.3 John Lepper, born November 27, 1866, married Mary Gaeley on July 17, 1894.

AC26.4 Daniel Lepper, born March 17, 1869, died January 22, 1901.

AC26.5 Emma Lepper, born March 27, 1871, married P. Conrad, and then on June 20, 1891, she married John Reynolds.

AC27 **John Heyerly**, born about 1817, in Switzerland, married **Barbara Hilty** about 1840. She was also born in Switzerland about 1819. They came to the United States some time after their marriage and lived at first in Wayne County, Ohio. Then they came to Wells County, Indiana and settled near Vera Cruz, Indiana. Their first two children, and possibly the third, were born in Wayne County, Ohio. The parents must have died prior to 1879, when the cemetery was started, as there is no mention of their deaths.

AC27.1 Anna Heyerly, born April 24, 1842, married John Gerber (AC4) on October 31, 1861 in Adams County.

AC27.2 John Heyerly II, born December 17, 1843, married Caroline Fiechter about 1879.

AC27.3 Barbara Heyerly, born about 1845, married Jacob Miller.

AC28 **Peter Äschliman**, born January 2, 1815, likely in Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, married **Maria Schupbach** on April 13, 1839. She was born May 8, 1813, in Langnau. They seem to have been *Neutaufer*, for when they came to the United States about 1852 they went to Monroe County, Ohio where there was an Apostolic Christian Church. They came to Adams County, Indiana in 1859-60. The family moved on to Illinois where their younger children married. The parents and son, John D., settled in Nemaha County, Kansas. Peter died December 9, 1822, and Maria in 1888. They are

buried in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Nemaha County. Their first seven children were born in Switzerland, and the last three in Monroe county, Ohio. In 1860 his net worth was $1,600.

AC28.1 Peter Aeschliman, born January 28, 1840, married Magdalena Rocke in 1866.

AC28.2 Christian Aeschliman, born March 16, 1841, married Magdalena Funk.

AC28.3 Maria Aeschliman, born September 24, 1842, married John Rocke.

AC28.4 John D. Aeschliman, born September 6, 1844, married Rosalena Strahm on March 6, 1878.

AC28.5 Simon Aeschliman, born January 13, 1847, married Catherine Wertzler.

AC28.6 Phillip Aeschliman, born March 14, 1849, married Anna Wenger.

AC28.7 Matthias Aeschliman, born December 5, 1850, married Mary Pfister on January 18, 1874.

AC28.8 Listen Aeschliman, born January 23, 1853 in Monroe County, Ohio, married Andrew Rockey on August 21, 1871. After his death in 1889, she married Jacob Oppliger.

AC28.9 Joseph D. Aeschliman, born May 18, 1856, married Mary Yergler on September 28, 1879.

AC28.10 Joel Aeschliman, born April 30, 1858, died 1859, in Ohio.

Summary

By 1862 the Apostolic Christian Church was well established in Adams and Wells counties, and they were doing quite well. Their net worth was comparable to that of the other immigrants.

Number	Net Worth
2	330 - 350
1	625
3	1,000 - 1,300
4	1,400 - 1,900
1	2,000
1	4,700
1	6,110

Ulrich Strahm (AC2), a brother of minister Matthias Strahm, had the most wealth, and had more than any of the Mennonites or Amish. Matthias Strahm was also doing well with a net worth of $4,700.

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Chapter 8
Other Swiss Families 1840 - 1862

Unknown Church Affiliation

In Adams and Wells counties, Indiana there were a number of other Swiss families that were not connected to the four churches for whom we have records. Some were descendants of Swiss immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and Virginia in the early 1700s. Some joined the Evangelical church while others may have never united with any church. Freedom of religion also gives one freedom to not participate in the life of any church. Because we have not researched the roots of the early immigrants, we have limited our scope to those families that either came directly to the United States and then to Adams or Wells counties from Switzerland in the 1800s, or who are children of parents that fit that category. Fortunately, the census records give the state or the country of birth of each person. Unfortunately the census records do not give the maiden names of the wives, thus for the majority of women no surname is given.

Some of the names in the census records are spelled very differently from what the original was. We have the name the way the census taker wrote it in brackets to help readers of the records to know how we have entered that name.

If persons have information to either confirm or contradict what has been given on families that are entered, we will be happy to receive it.

O1 **Charles Sowine/Sovine** was born in Switzerland about 1804. He was married to **Sophia** born about 1804 in Switzerland. They came to Ohio before 1838, and to Indiana about 1841. In 1860 they were farming in French Township and his net worth was $700.

01,1 Eugene Sowine was born about 1842, in Indiana. He did farm work.

O1.2 Sophia Sowine was born about 1848. She was working for their neighbor, the Gideon Bowman family, in 1860, when the census taker came by.

O2 **Ulrich Moser**, was born about 1800 in Ohio. He likely was a widower as there is no wife listed. The oldest child was born in Ohio. The family came to Indiana about 1842 as the next child was born here. However, they do not appear in the 1850 census. Living with them were two farm laborers who had been born in Switzerland. They were John Keffer, and Christian Steffen. Both were 23 years of age. Ulrich was a farmer in French Township, Adams County, in 1860, with a net worth of $80.

O2.1 David Moser born about 1835, in Ohio.

O2.2 Catherine Moser born about 1837, in Indiana.

O3 **John G. Steiner** (Stiner)[1] was born about 1805, in Switzerland. He married **Mary A.** who was born about 1810, in Switzerland. Their first four children were born in Switzerland, then they came to Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana about 1843. The family affiliated with

the Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Indiana. In 1860 there were two girls living with them: Jane age 18, Malinda age 18. They farmed and in 1850 he had a net worth of $3,000 and of $6,400 in 1860.

O3.1 Caroline Steiner was born about 1835.
O3.2 Peter L. Steiner was born about 1839.
O3.3 Mary A. Steiner was born about 1842.
O3.4 James Steiner was born about 1844.
O3.5 Elisabeth Steiner was born about 1846.
O3.5 Henry Steiner was born about 1848.
O3.6 Samuel Steiner was born in 1850.

O4 **John Saurer** (Sowers) was born about 1813 in Switzerland. He married **Catherine**, born about 1817 in Switzerland. They came to the United States to Ohio about 1846. Then they came to Harrison Township, Wells County, after 1840. Their first two children were born in Ohio and the others in Indiana. They had four men living with them in 1860 who had all been born in Switzerland. They were: Henry Wurst (age 50) a laborer, Emanuel Niederhauser (O7) age 34, a miller, Peter Bear (age 34) a brewer, and August Shoder (age 31) a laborer. He was a farmer with a net worth of $4,500 in 1860.

O4.1 Leah Saurer was born about 1837.
O4.2 Marion Saurer was born about 1840.
O4.3 Simeon Saurer was born about 1842.
O4.4 Catherine Saurer was born about 1844.
O4.5 Anna Saurer was born about 1846.
O4.6 Sarah Saurer was born about 1847.

O5 **Henry L. Carnal**, born about 1818 in Switzerland, married **Mary** who was born in New York about 1828. Their first child was born in New York. They arrived in Harrison Township, Wells County about 1849. He was a blacksmith and had a net worth of $100 in 1850. His name does not appear in 1860.

O5.1 Elizabeth Carnal was born about 1848.
O5.2 Laurence Carnal was born about 1849.

O6 **Jacob Snyder**, born about 1888 in France, married **Magdalena**, born about 1810 in France. Their first two children were born in Pennsylvania and the next two in Ohio. In 1850 he was farming in Hartford Township, and had a net worth of $300.

O6.1 Magdalena Snyder, born about 1834
O6.2 Jacob Snyder, was born about 1836.
O6.3 Barbara Snyder was born about 1840.
O6.4 John Snyder, was born about 1841.

O7 **Emmanuel Niederhauser** was born April 14, 1816, in Sornetan, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States in the spring of 1843, while single. He married **Mary Rapp** in 1848. She was born about 1826, in Wurtemberg, Germany. They were in Adams County by 1850 as all their children were born in Indiana. He owned a grist mill in Linn Grove. For many years he was prominent in the church of the Evangelical Association and remained so until his death on September 12, 1897. Mary died in June 1871, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Following her death he married **Maria Baumgartner** (M2.6) on October 29, 1871. She was born December 30, 1848, in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $4,600.

O7.1 Emanuel Niederhauser, born about 1851. He married Lena Huser in 1878.
O7.2 Mary Magdalena Niederhauser born about 1853.
O7.3 Samuel Niederhauser born about 1854.
O7.4 Emeline Niederhause born about 1858.
O7.5 Frederic Niederhauser born about 1859
O7.6 John Niederhauser
O7.7 Emma Niederhauser, married Elroy Sheldon.
O7.8 Sarah Niederhauser

Children with Maria Baumgartner

O7.9 Frank Niederhauser, born September 26, 1872, died June 30, 1873.
O7.10 Elmer Niederhauser, born November 6, 1873, died November 28, 1875.
O7.11 Cora Niederhauser was born February 23, 1875.
O7.12 Jesse Niederhauser was born May 26, 1877, and died May 27. A twin.
O7.13 Karl Niederhauser was born May 26, 1877, and died May 27. A twin.
O7.14 Effie Niederhauser was born April 5, 1878.
O7.15 Nellie Niederhauser was born June 29, 1880, and married John Wilbur Craig on February 25, 1915.
O7.16 Milton Niederhauser was born May 10, 1882, and died September 16, 1885.
O7.17 Telsa Niederhauser was born April 10, 1884.

O7.18 Homer Niederhauser was born December 18, 1886.

O7.19 Ida Niederhauser was born March 27, 1889 and married Edwin Schindler.

O8 **Samuel Haenny** (Hanna) was born about 1798 in Switzerland. His wife **Marianne Merillat** was born about 1800 in Switzerland.[2] Their children were all born in Switzerland. They came to the United States about 1844. They settled in Harrison Township, Wells County before 1850. In that year he was farming and had a net worth of $800. He was also a carpenter and maker of furniture. Living with them in 1850 was Frederick Golart (age 22) a laborer who was born in Switzerland. Marianne died September 1, 1866, in Kankakee, Illinois and Samuel died there in 1878. They were living with their daughter Sophia.

O8.1 Marianne Emile Haenny R15 was born in 1826 in the community of Souboz, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She married Antoine Beri Sunier (R15) on June 7, 1849 in the USA.

O8.2 Sophie Haenny was born about 1828. She married Louis Merillat.

O8.3 Adele Haenny was born in 1831 and married Louis Bercot.

O8.4 I. L. Haenny was born about 1833. He was a farm worker.

O8.5 Melanie Haenny was born May 3, 1836. She married Isaac Gilliom (AC25) about the fall of 1860. She joined the Apostolic Christian Church where he was a member.

O8.6 Harriet Haenny was born about 1837

O8.7 Julia Haenny was born June 14, 1840. She married Henry Michaud on October 24, 1863 in Wells County, Indiana.

O9 **David Schafter** was born in Switzerland about 1809. He was farming in Harrison Township, Wells County in 1850 and had a net worth of $400. In 1860 it Living with him was the next family. They were no longer living in the area in 1860.

O10 **Julian Poynard** was born in 1791 in Switzerland. They seemingly had little or no possessions to declare in 1850. He was married to **Verena** was born about 1815 in Switzerland. All their children were born in Switzerland so they arrived in Indiana shortly before 1850.

O10.1 Julia Poynard born about 1839.

O10.2 Adeline Poynard born about1841.

010.3 Elizabeth Poynard born about 1843.

O10.4 Lucia Poynard born about 1847.

O11.1 **John P. Swalia** was born about 1805 in Switzerland. With him was Julia who was born about 1828 in Switzerland. She was possibly a daughter. Living with them was Gustave Poynard (age 36) a laborer who was born in Switzerland about 1814. No net worth is given for these folk.

O12 **William March** and his wife **Anna** were both born in Switzerland about 1855. He was a shoemaker with no net worth recorded in 1850.

O13 **Isaac Mosimann** (Moseman) was born about 1821 in Switzerland. His wife **Elizabeth** was born about 1822 in Switzerland. Their first two children were born in Switzerland. Then they came to Harrison Township, Adams County, Indiana about 1849. He was a farmer with no net worth recorded in 1850.

O13.1 John Mosiman was born about 1844.

O13.2 Mary Mosiman was born about 1846.

O13.3 Ferdinand Mosiman was born about 1849.

O14 **Julius Michaud** was born about 1826 in Switzerland. His wife **Magdalena** was also born in Switzerland. They were in Ohio by 1850 as their oldest daughter was born there. The rest of the children were born in Indiana. In 1860 they were farming in French township, Adams County, and his net worth was $400.

O14.1 Elizabeth Michaud was born about 1850.

O14.2 Mary Michaud was born about 1853 in Indiana.

O14.3 David Michaud was born about 1854.

O14.4 Anna Michaud was born about 1857.

O15 **David Michaud** was born in Switzerland about 1801. Since he was living next to Julius in 1960, he likely was Julius' father. He was farming in French Township and had a net worth of $336 in 1860.

O16 **Daniel Engina** was born in Switzerland about 1817. He married **Mary**, who was born about 1832 in Ohio. He was a shoemaker by

trade and did not have any net worth in 1860. Their first two children were born in Ohio and the others in Indiana. So they arrived in Adams County about 1851.

O16.1 David Engina was born about 1847.

O16.2 Theodore Engina was born about 1849.

O16.3 Caroline Engina was born about 1852.

O16.4 Lewis Engina was born about 1856.

O16.5 Elisabeth Engina was born about 1859

O17 **John Mosser** was born about 1820 in Switzerland. He was married to **Elisabeth** who was born about 1821 in Switzerland. Their first two daughters were born in Switzerland. They came to Adams County, Indiana about 1852. Living with them in 1860 was Isaac Schenk (age 26), who was born in Switzerland. In 1860 they were farming in French Township and his net worth was $1,550.

O17.1 Anna Mosser was born about 1845.

O17.2 Elizabeth Mosser was born about 1850.

O17.3 Frederick Mosser was born about 1853.

O17.4 Maryann Mosser was born about 1856.

O18 **John Hofer** was born in Switzerland about 1817. He married **Barbara** who was born about 1925 in Switzerland. All their children were born in Indiana. They were farming in French township, Adams County, in 1860 and his net worth was $1400.

O18.1 Sophia Hofer was born about 1849.

O18.2 Godfry (Gotfried) Hofer was born about 1851.

O18.3 Christian Hofer was born about 1855.

O18.4 John Hofer was born about 1857.

O18.5 Lydia Hofer was born about 1858.

O19 **David Saurer** (Sower) was born about 1821 in Switzerland. He married **Barbara**, born about 1804 in Switzerland. Their children were all born in Indiana, so they arrived before 1853. They were living on a farm in French township, Adams County, and his net worth was $1,900. Living with them was John Hohl who was born in Switzerland.

O19.1 Caroline Saurer was born about 1853 in Indiana.

O19.2 Anna P. Saurer was born about 1854.

O19.3 Helena Saurer was born about 1857.

O20 **John Tschantz** (Jantsa, Jondry), was born about 1822 in Switzerland. He married **Anna** who was born about 1824 in Switzerland. His surname is not certain. Their first child was born in Switzerland, and the next three in Ohio. The rest were born in Indiana. In 1860 his net worth was $500. Several members of this church related to the St. John Reformed Church.

O20.1 John Tschantz was born about 1845.

O20.2 Lena Tschantz was born about 1846.

O20.3 Ferdinand Tschantz was born about 1847.

O20.4 Mary Tschantz was born about 1853.

O20.5 William Tschantz was born about 1856.

O20.6 Amanda Tschantz was born about 1858.

O21 **John Luthi** (Ludy) was born in Switzerland about 1823. He was married to **Amanda** who was born about 1837. They likely came to Indiana right after their marriage for their children were all born here. In 1860 he owned no property and his net worth was $100.

O21.1 Samuel Ludy was born about 1855.

O21.2 John W. Ludy was born about 1857.

O21.3 Alfred Ludy was born about 1859.

O22 **Peter Barger** was born about 1811 in Switzerland. He was married to **Anna** who was born about 1825 in Switzerland. He was a carpenter with a net worth of $400 in 1860, and was living in Wells County, Indiana. Their children were born in Indiana.

O22.1 Cecilia Barger was born about 1854.

O22.2 Elisabeth Barger was born about 1856.

O22.3 Rosina Barger was born about 1858.

O22.4 Maria Barger was born in 1860.

O23 **Anthony Schmidt** (Smith) was born about 1807 in Baden, Germany. He married **Julia** who was born about 1824 in Switzerland. He was farming in Wells County in 1860 and his net worth was $1,700. Their children were born in Indiana.

O23.1 Rosina Schmidt was born about 1854

O23.2 Anna Schmidt was born about 1855.

O23.3 Mary Schmidt was born about 1858.

O24 **John Walter** (Waller) was born in Switzerland about 1805. He married **Catherine** who was born about 1811 in Switzerland. They came to the United States after 1851 as all their children were born in Switzerland. In 1860 he was farming in French township, Adams County, and had a net worth of $550.

O24.1 Virginia Walter was born about 1841.

O24.2 Albert Walter was born about 1843.

O24.3 Sophia Walter was born about 1849.

O24.4 Charles Walter was born about 1851.

O25 **Ulrich Beutler** (Butler) was born about 1819 in Switzerland. He married **Anna**, who was the same age and also born in Switzerland. Their first child was also born in Switzerland. The family was in Ohio in 1845 where two more children were born. The last two were born in Indiana where they settled about 1855. He was farming in French Township, Adams County in 1860 and had a net worth of $450.

O25.1 Ulrich Beutler was born about 1842.

O25.2 Anna Beutler was born about 1845.

O25.3 Sarah Beutler was born about 1852.

O25.4 Frederick Beutler was born February 7, 1856, in Huntington, Indiana. He married Katharina Baumgartner on February 2, 1879.

O25.5 Laura Beutler was born about 1859.

O26 **Nicolas Barger** was born about 1820 in Switzerland, and his wife **Susan** was born about 1827 in Switzerland. He was a cooper, making wooden casks or tubs, living in Harrison township, Wells County, and had a net worth in 1860 of $500. Their first three children were born in Ohio and the others in Indiana. He could be a younger brother of Peter (O42).

O26.1 Susan C. Barger was born about 1850.

O26.2 William Barger was born about 1851.

O26.3 Rosina Barger was born about 1854.

O26.4 Sophia Barger was born about 1856.

O26.5 Edward Barger was born about 1859.

O27 **Ulrich Mosiman** (Moseman) was born about 1797 in Switzerland. He was married to **Christina** who was born in Switzerland about 1896. He was farming in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana in 1860 and had a net worth of $1,200. Ulrich and Christina could be the parents of Jacob (O30) and Isaac (O15).

O27.1 Ulrich Mosiman was born about 1836.

O28 **Jacob Mosiman** (Moseman) was born about 1831 in Switzerland. He was married to **Elisabeth** who was born about 1832 in Switzerland. He was farming in Wells County in 1860 and had a net worth of $900. Their first child was born in Switzerland, the second in France and the rest in Indiana.

O28.1 Anna M. Mosiman was born about 1847.

O28.2 Ferdinand Mosiman was born about 1849.

O28.3 Samuel Mosiman was born February 6, 1856. He married Caroline Baumgartner (M5.3) on May 13, 1877.

O28.4 Maria was born about 1858.

O29 **John Saurer** (Sower) was born about 1827 in Switzerland. He married **Mary** who was born about 1836 in Switzerland. They were in Ohio by 1851 when their first child was born. The next three children were born in Indiana. They farmed in French township, Adams County, and his net worth in 1860 was $1,400

O29.1 Emanuel Saurer was born about 1851 in Ohio.

O29.2 Anna Saurer was born about 1857 in Indiana.

O29.3 Mary Saurer was born about 1858.

O29.4 Louisa Saurer was born in 1860.

O30 **Jacob Miller**, born in Switzerland about 1815, was married to **Julia**. She was born in Switzerland about 1828. They were in Ohio by 1845 and their first three children were born there. The rest were born in Indiana. He was farming in French township, Adams County, and had a net worth of $400 in 1860.

O30.1 John Miller was born about 1845.

O30.2 Elizabeth Miller was born about 1849.

O30.3 Magdalena Miller was born about 1852.

O30.4 Rosanna Miller was born about 1857.

O30.5 Maryann Miller was born about 1859.

O31 **John Beeler** was born about 1805 in Switzerland. He was married to **Elisabeth** who was born in 1808 in Switzerland. He could be a brother to David (R4.1) and Abraham (R4.2). Their first four children were born in Switzerland

then they came to Ohio by 1853 where another child was born. They were in Indiana by 1858 where two more children were born. He must have been renting a farm for he owned no property and his net worth was $200.

O31.1 June Beeler was born about 1841.

O31.2 Mary Beeler was born about 1844 and was a seamstress.

O31.3 Fredrick Beeler was born about 1845 and was a farm laborer.

O31.4 Adam Beeler was born about 1847.

O31.5 Christian Beeler was born about 1853.

O31.6 Ferdinand Beeler was born about 1858.

O31.7 Laura Beeler was born about 1860.

O32 **Michael Hofer**, born about 1827 in Switzerland, came to the United States as a single boy. He married **Mary Ann**, who was born about 1831 in Switzerland. They arrived in Holmes, Ohio about 1849 and their first five children were born there. They came to Harrison Township, Wells County about 1857. He was a tailor and his net worth in 1860 was $44. The family had some connection to St. John Reformed Church, and they eventually moved to Falls City, Nebraska.

O32.1 Sophie Hofer was born about 1850.

O32.2 Adolph Hofer was born about 1851.

O32.3 Louise Hofer was born about 1853.

O32.4 Julius Hofer was born about 1855.

O32.5 Mary Hofer was born about 1857.

O32.6 William Hofer was born about 1858 in Indiana.

O33 **Andrew Yoder** was born about 1827 in Switzerland. He married **Ellen** who was born in Switzerland in 1839. They were likely recent arrivers in 1859. They made their home in Hartford Township, Adams County, and he had net assets of $900. Living with them was Margaret Hanni, age 60, who could be her mother.

O33.1 Adolph Yoder was born about 1859 in Indiana.

O34 **Christian Clouse** was born about 1823. He was married to **Mary** who was born about 1826 in Ohio. He is listed as a clergyman and it is believed that he was serving in the Evangelical Association in Wells County, Indiana. His net worth in 1860 was $200. Living with them was Frederic Vercler (Vacler), a laborer who was born about 1828 in Canton Bern, Switzerland.

O34.1 Samuel Clouse was born about 1859 in Indiana.

O35 **Magdalena Neuenschwander** was born about 1811 in Switzerland. She must have been a widow. She had two children with her who were also born in Switzerland. In 1860 they were living in French Township, Adams County. She had no personal property, but had $100.

O35.1 Michael Neuenschwander was born about 1840. He did farm work.

O35.2 Barbara Neuenschwander was born about 1841. She did house work.

O36 **JosephWeiser** (Messer) was born in Switzerland about 1804. His wife must have died as none is named in 1860. He and his son lived in French Township, Adams County in 1860. He was farming and had a net worth of $350.

O36.1 August Weiser was born about 1842 in Switzerland.

O37 **Frederick Roof**, born about 1824 in Switzerland, married **Verena (Fanny)**, surname not known. She was born in Switzerland about1817 as her age is given as 47 in 1860. They were married about 1839. From the 1860 census of Adams County, it appears that the family came to the United states about 1843 for their first two children were born in Switzerland. The others were born in Ohio. They were in Ohio until 1859 when they came to Indiana. His first wife died some time after 1860 and he then married the widow **Barbara Ann Niederhauser Frauhiger** (AC19) on February 23, 1867. The Mennonite minister, Christian Baumgartner, officiated at their wedding. Since she was not married in the Apostolic Christian Church, where she had membership, it is likely that her relationship with that church was discontinued. In 1860 they were living in French Township, Adams County. His net worth was $150. The children of Frederick and his first wife Verena were:

O37.1 Barbara Roof was born about 1840.

O37.2 Anna Roof was born about 1842.

O37.3 John Roof was born about 1844.

O37.4 Elizabeth Roof was born about 1851.

O37.5 Margaret Roof was born about 1852.
O37.6 Joseph Roof was born about 1857.
O37.7 Lydia Roof was born about 1859.

O38 **John Schmidt** (Smith) was born about 1802 in Switzerland. He was married to **Susanna** who was born about 1803 in Switzerland. They must have arrived recently as they have no net worth given.

O38.1 Jacob Schmidt was born about 1844 in Switzerland.

O39 **John Reefy** (Reaffey) was born about 1792 in Switzerland, and his wife **Margaret** was born about 1803 in Switzerland. They had two children with them in 1860, both of whom were born in Ohio. They had purchased land in French township, and his net worth was $1,400 in 1860. Some children changed the spelling of their name.

O39.1 Frederick Reefe was born May 15, 1833 in Ohio. He married Elizabeth Young.

O39.2 Jacob Reefe was born April 12, 1835. He married Sarah A. Wiest on August 19, 1858.

O39.3 Elizabeth Reefy was born September 15, 1840 in Wayne County, Ohio. She married Edward Ehle on October 11, 1870.

O40 **Jacob Snyder** was born about 1788 in France. He married **Magdalina** who was born about 1810 in France. Their first two children were born in Pennsylvania and the last in Ohio. They had a farm in Hartford Township, Adams County, and their net worth was $1,100.

040.1 Magdalena Snyder was born about 1836.

O40.2 Jacob Snyder was born about 1838.

O40.3 John Snyder was born about 1843.

O41 **Peter Seitz** was born about 1823 in France. He married **Anna** who was born about 1818 in France. Their first three children were also born in France, and the next in Ohio. No net worth was given for them. They were living in Wabash Township, Adams County, in 1860,

O41.1 Joseph Seitz was born about 1848.

O41.2 Anna Seitz was born about 1849.

O41.3 Catharine Seitz was born about 1852.

O41.4 Fanny (Verena) Seitz was born about 1855.

O41.5 Mary Seitz was born about 1858.

O42 **David Schmutz/Smutt** was born about 1820 in Switzerland and his wife, **Anna Barbara** was born about 1811 in Switzerland. All in their home were born in Switzerland. In 1860 they were living in Hartford Township, Adams County, and his net worth was $3,000.

O42.1 Maryann Schmutz was born about 1844.

O42.2 Rosanna Schmutz was born about 1847.

O43 **Christian Gardener/Gurtner** was born in Switzerland about 1836. His wife **Anna**, born 1840 was also born there. They were living with the Schmutz family so his wife may have been related. No net worth was given for him.

O43.1 Anna Elisabeth Gardener was born in 1841.

O44 **Christian Fleborg** was born about 1810 in Switzerland. In 1860 he was a shoemaker living in Harrison township, Wells County, Indiana and had a net worth of $450.

O45 **Mary A. Ritter**, born about 1794 in Switzerland was living with her son in 1860 in Wells County, Indiana. She had a net worth of $60.

O45.1 Gottlieb Ritter was born about 1810 in Switzerland.

ENDNOTES

1. The 1850 census gives his age as 41, and the 1860 census gives it as 55. Mary's is given as 36 and 40. Also, the 1850 census gives his middle initial as G. and the 1860 census has L.

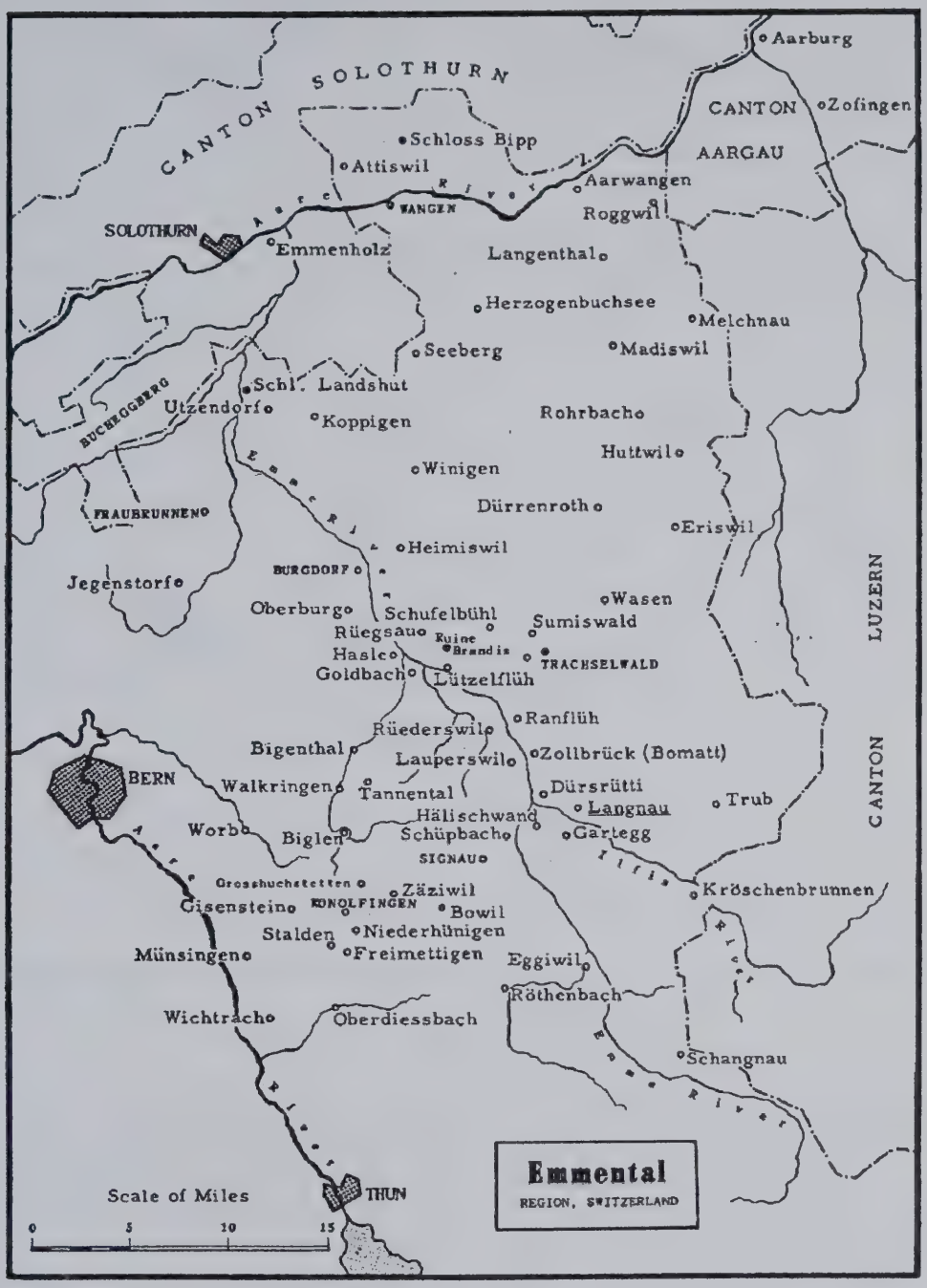
2. The 1850 Wells County Census gives different ages from the family records for the children. It has: Sofilia 22, Adalana 19, I.L. 17 Farmer, Hariet 13, and Julia 10.

Mennonite Encyclopedia (Scottdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing Houser, c1955) Vol. P.674. Permission secured.

Switzerland – The city of Bern is the Capitol of the country and also of Canton Bern. There are twenty-three cantons in Switzerland, and Bern is the second largest. Canton Bern was the one in which almost all of the families named in this history lived prior to coming to Adams and Wells counties beginning in 1838.

Mennonite Encyclopedia (Scottdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing Houser, c1955) Vol.1, p288. Permission secured.

Canton Bern – This canton became a center for Anabaptists (Mennonites and Amish) beginning in 1527. The towns that are underlined show the location of Mennonite congregations today. The portion above Biel, belonged to the Prince Bishop of Basel prior to 1815, when it was made a part of Canton Bern. The upper left portion of Canton Bern became Canton Jura in 1979.



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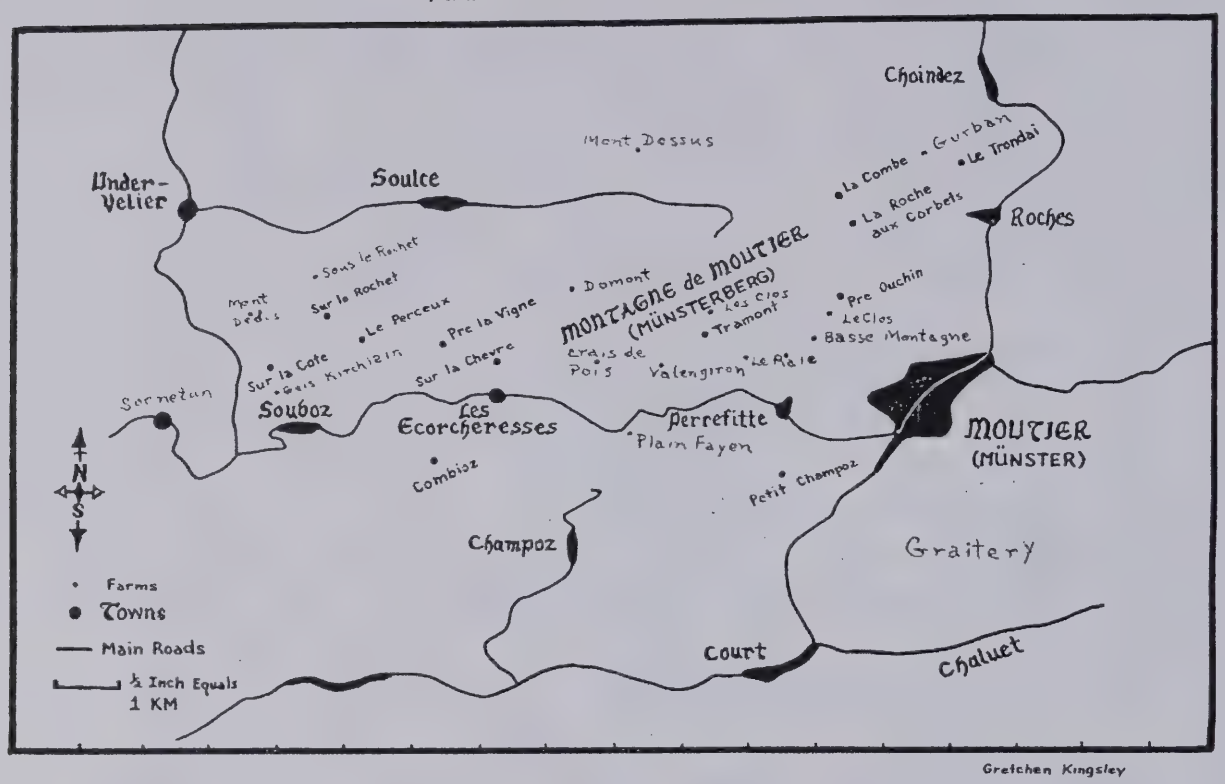
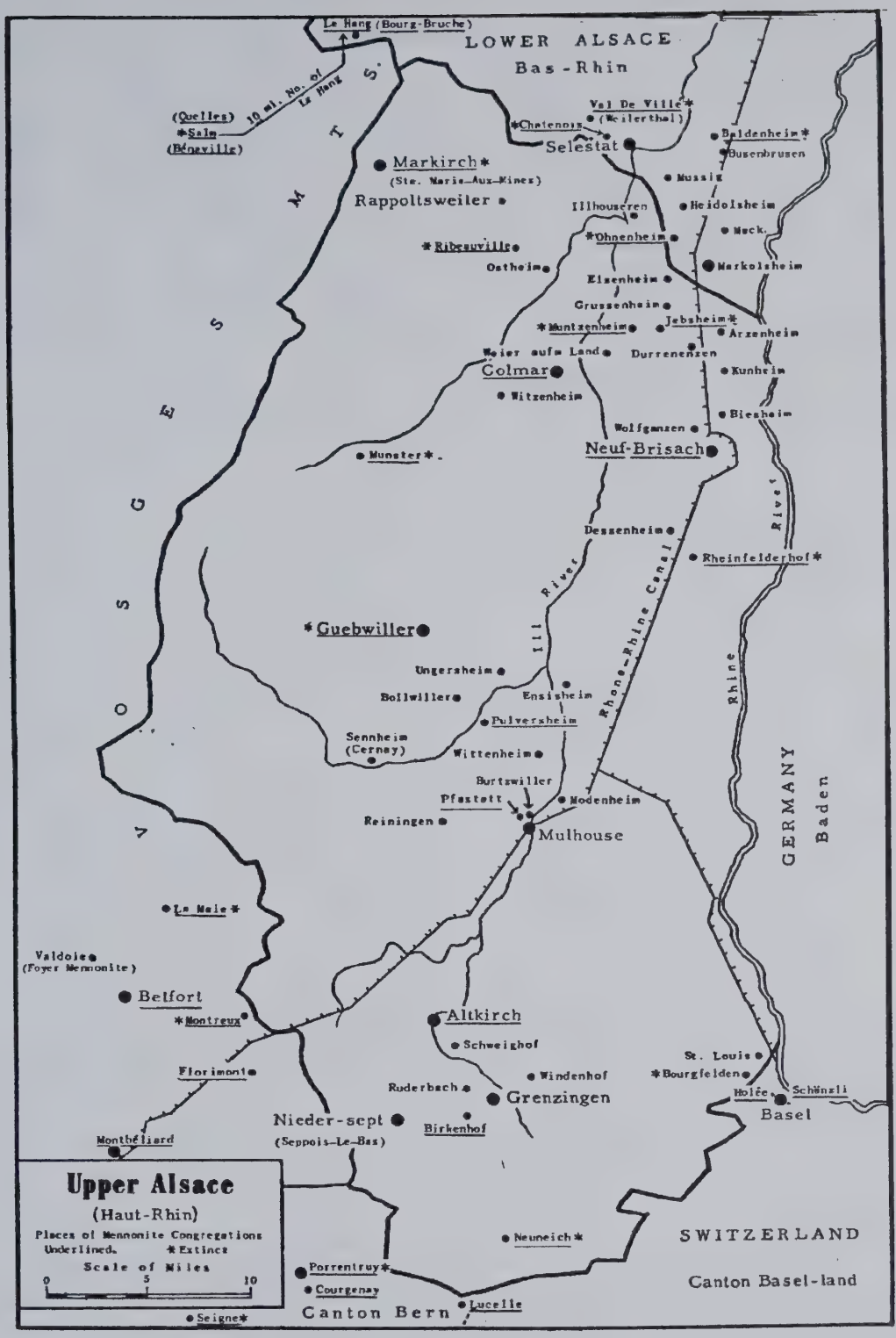
Emmental – This portion of Canton Bern is named after the river Emme that flows through the valley. Almost all the families named in this history lived in the Emmental in the 1500 and 1600s. A census taken in 1672 established the *Heimat*, home village, of the families. It is in a citizen's *Heimat*, that all children of male descendants are registered. These records were kept by the Reformed Church pastors in each parish, recording baptisms, marriages and deaths during this period of history. Langnau is the *Heimat* of the Baumgartner, Burkhatlter, Gerber, Kipfer, Lehman, Neuenschwander, Strahm, and Schwartz families. Trub is the Heimat of the Baumgartner, Beer, Habegger, Hirschy, Schwartzentruber and Zurcher families. The Steiners were from Signau, and the Lubginbuhl family from Obertal.

MAP of the MÜNSTERBERG



Locations added by David L. Habegger.

Munsterberg – Montagne de Moutier – This mountain (part of the Jura mountain range) known by the German name, Munsterberg, was home to those *Alttaufer* (Mennonite) families that arrived in Adams County in 1852. The name and location of many of the farms are listed. Most of the farms are at an altitude of more that 1,000 meters. Thus late and early frosts were frequently experienced. The stone fences that still surround some of the fields give evidence of the labor expended in making the land tillable for their crops.



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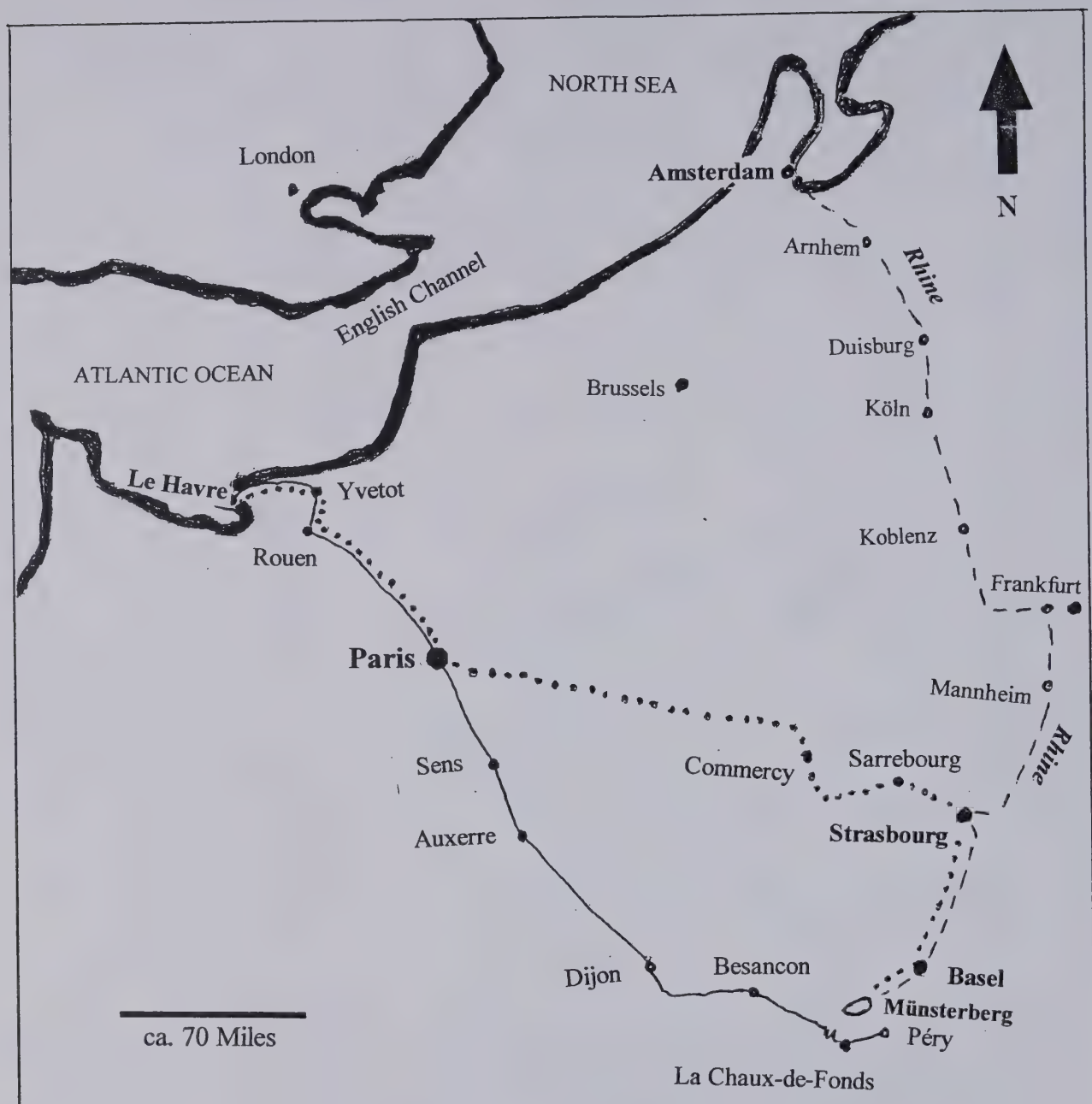
Upper Alsace – This province of eastern France was part of Germany up to 1697, and again from 1871-1919. During the Thirty Years' War, Anabaptist refugees from Switzerland began to settle in this area. Then in the late 1700s, some Swiss moved from the Jura into this territory. The Steiner, Stauffer, and Luginbuhl families were living near Florimont when they left for the United States in the early 1800s. The Amish, Graber and Schwartz families lived around Montbeliard.

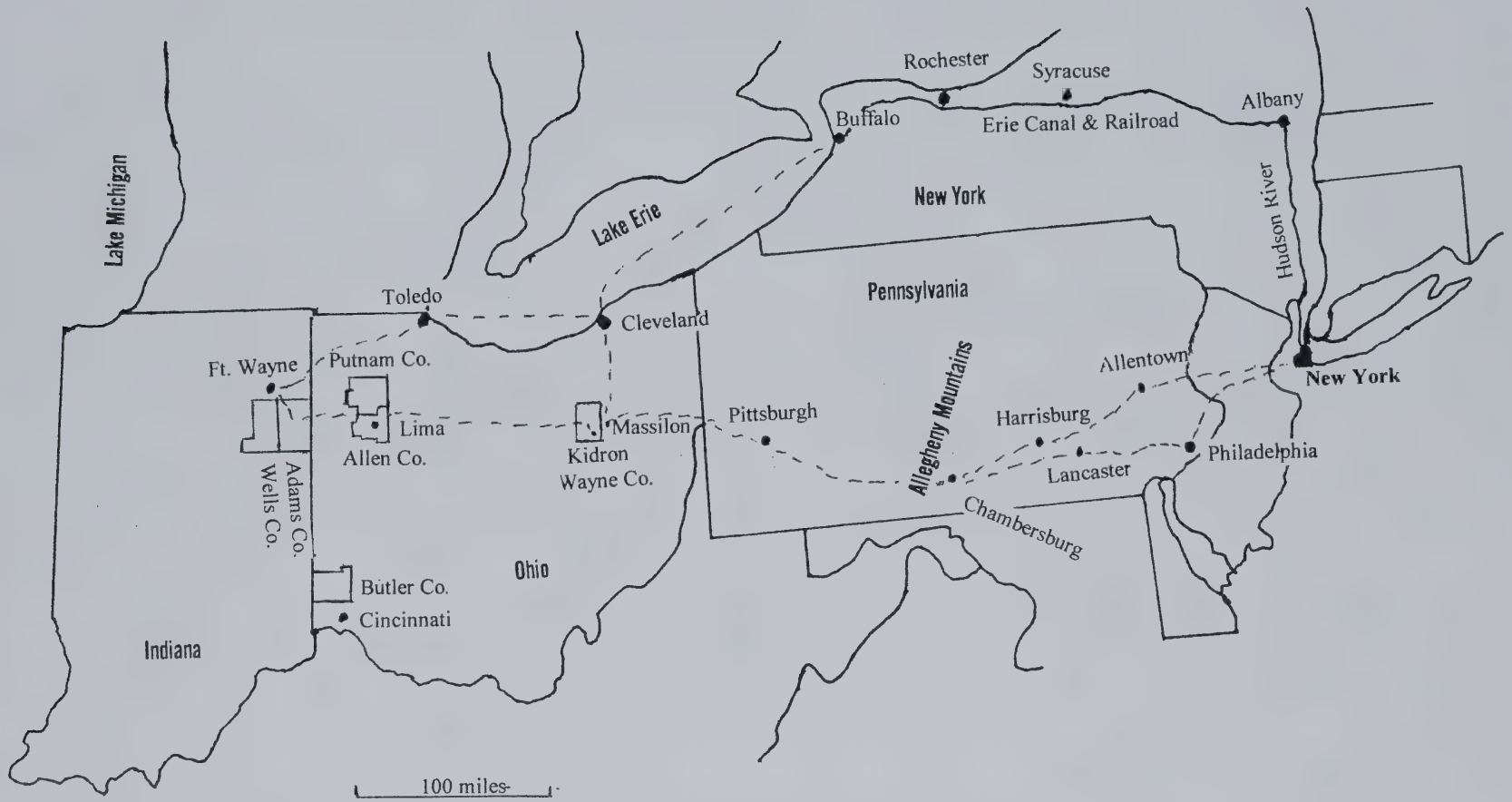


Routes to the Sea

- - - On July 4, 1817 Johannes and Elisabeth Jacob Augsburger left the Munsterberg area and traveled to Strasbourg on a horse drawn wagon. There they, with three Amish and two *Taufer* families, got passage on a boat and rode down the Rhine river (North) to Amsterdam.

___ In the spring of 1835 David and Barbara Steiner Baumgartner, with some sixty persons, left their homes in the Jura. No mention is made of how they got to the port, but they likely drove overland with their wagons to Le Havre, on a route similar to the one that Michael Neuenschwander and family took in May 1823.

. . . In 1852, when a group of 70 persons left the Munsterberg area, Abraham Zurfluh kept a record of their trip. They were taken by wagon to Basel. Here they took a train to Strasbourg and another on to Saarbourg. Then they rode stage coaches to Commercy. Here they could again take a train to Paris and then to Le Havre.



From the Atlantic to Adams County, Indiana

The earliest arrivers, after stops among acquaintances in Pennsylvania, went overland through the Allegheny mountains to Pittsburgh, then to Wayne County, Ohio. This early trail became the Lincoln Highway, U.S. 30, after 1913.

The Erie Canal was opened between Albany and Buffalo, New York in 1825. Thus it was possible to travel up the Hudson River to Albany by boat, and then by barge to Buffalo. There a boat could be taken to Cleveland. Those who came in 1852 were able to take a train from Albany to Buffalo.

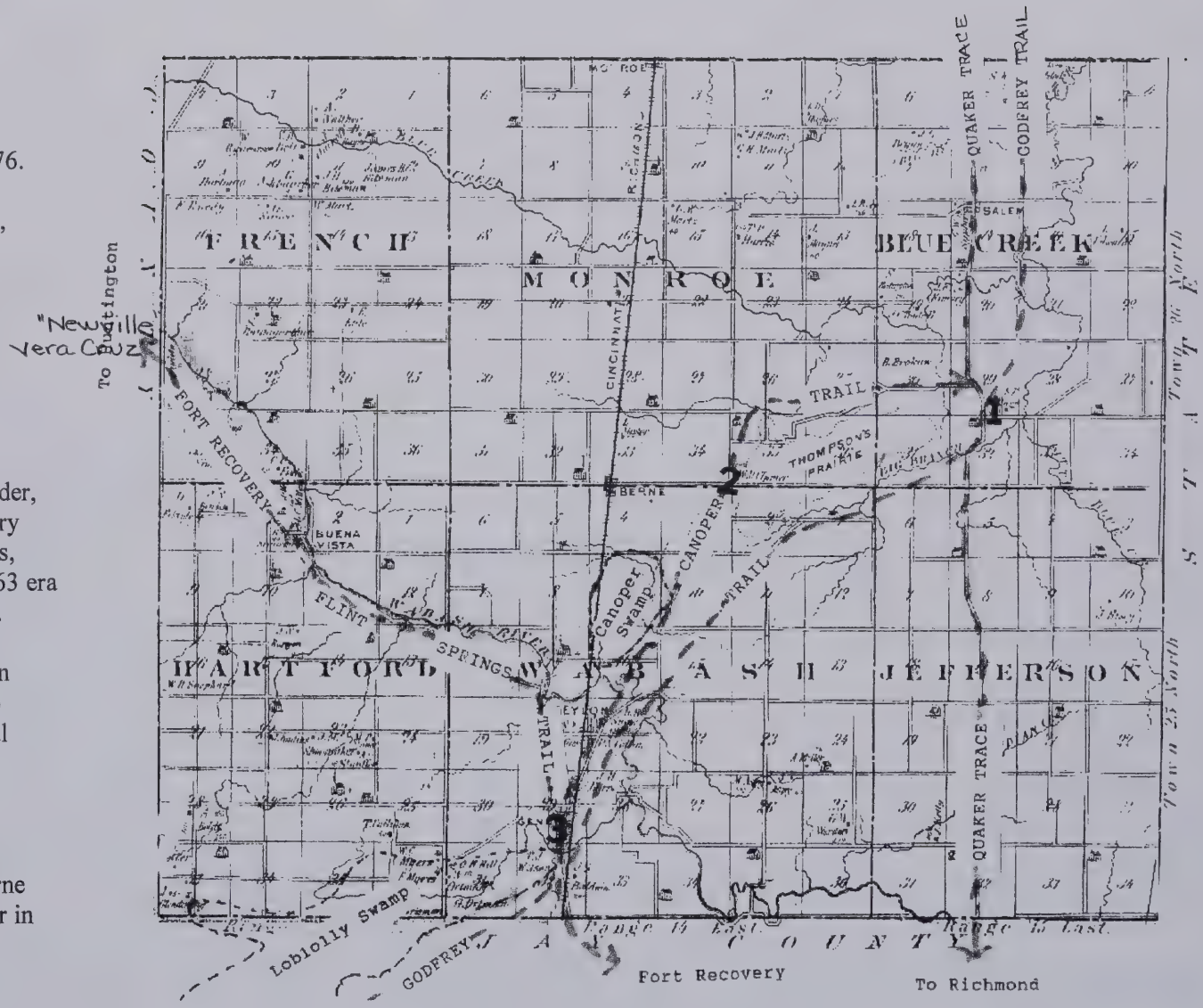
This map of southern Adams County has been copied from the Illustrated Historical Atlas of Indiana that was published by Baskin, Forster, & Co. in 1876.

Section lines have been drawn in, but these lines do not represent roads. Only double lines indicate **roads of any sort in 1876, This is 13 years after our time period**. There were no bridges.

Additions in the map have been added by Claren J.Neuenschwander, as result of his study of the history of the area. The established roads, trails, and traces of the 1838-1863 era are indicated by the broken lines.

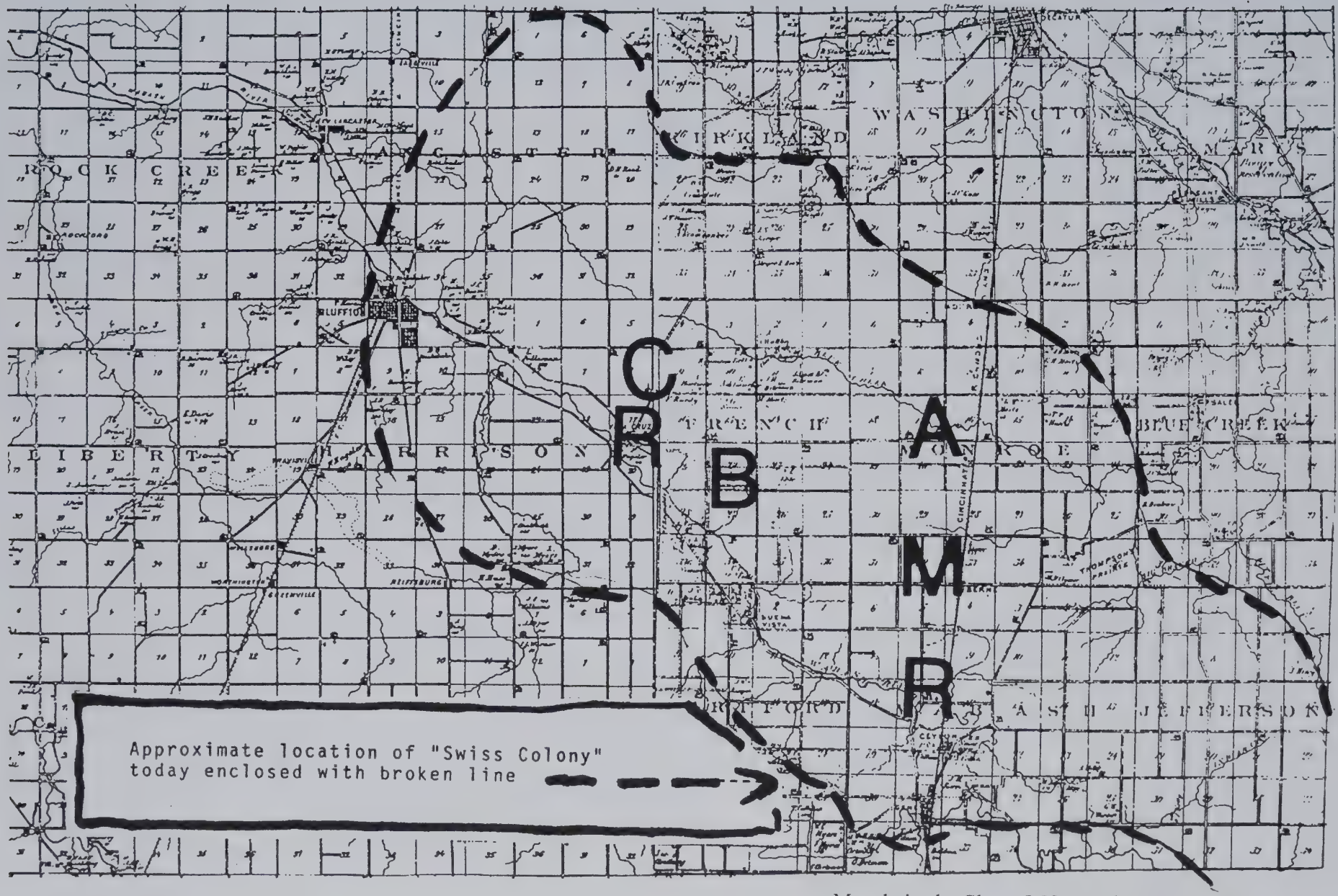
We suggest outlining the rivers in blue, and the swamps in green to further visualize the geographical features facing our founding fathers. Remember to mark the flooding rivers, as well.

The railroad and the town of Berne have been left to orient the reader in reading the map.



SWISS SETTLERS IN ADAMS and WELLS COUNTIES (c. 1837-1860)

A = Amish B = Baumgartner Menn. C = Apostolic Christian
M = Muensterberg Menn. R Reformed



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Township Maps and Tax Records for 1846, 1853 and 1863

To Determine Property Ownership

Locate the proper township.

Work from the right side of the description.

E ½ NE ¼ sec 35

Locate the section number

sec 35

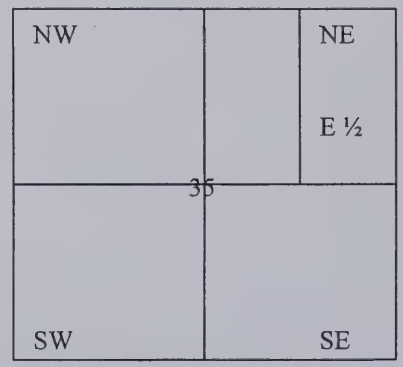
Mentally divide the section into quarters.
(640 acres into 160 acre segments)

Still working from the right, the next letter/number combination describes the quarter section of property. (160 acres)

NE ¼

The next combination records what increment of the quarter is owned. This is usually ½, or 80 acres.

E ½



Fragments and parts are sometimes used in describing parts or portions of land, often split by natural boundaries.

Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Wabash Township (township 25, range 14)			
Ash, Christian			
	NW ¼ sec 8	400	150
Booker, Samuel			
	W ½ SW ¼ sec 19	232	
Eicher, John			
	SE ¼ sec 8	400	35
Hawbaker, Abraham			
	N ½ NW ¼ sec 17	200	30
Rich, John			
	SW ¼ sec 5	400	75
Swartzandrover, Christi			
	W ½ SE ¼ sec 4	200	50
Hartford Township (township 25, range 13)			
Fox, Peter			
	SW ¼ sec 25	400	100
Miller, Daniel			
	N ½ NE fr SE SE sec 3	108	34
	NW ¼ SE ¼ sec 3	100	
Staufer, John R.			
	N pt W fr SW ¼ sec 2	15	10
	NE ¼ SE ¼ sec 3	120	40
	NW ¼ SE ¼ sec 3	120	
Snyder, Jacob			
	SE ¼ NE ¼ sec 14	110	35
French Township (township 26, range 13)			
Augsburger, John			
	E ½ NE ¼ Sec 35	240	200
Baumgardner, John			
	pt NW ¼ sec 22	300	160
Baumgardner, Peter			
	SW ¼ sec 22	480	325
Beyler, John			
	NE ¼ sec 9	320	50
	W ½ NW ¼ sec 23	200	
Beyler, David			
	W ½ SE ¼ sec 15	160	100
Foutz, Samuel W.			
	E ½ SW ¼ sec 34	240	10
	SW fr SE ¼ sec 34	234	50
Liechty, Jacob			
	NW ¼ sec 36	480	150
Moschier, Peter, Sr.			
	N ½ SE ¼ sec 21	240	
	NW ¼ sec 21	480	300
Moschier, Peter, Jr.			
	SW ¼ fr NW SW sec 36	360	150
Moschier, Christian			
	SW ¼ sec 26	480	50
Moyers, Peter			
	SW ¼ pt W ½ SE ¼	600	200
	NE ¼ sec 15	400	
Miller, John			
	NW ¼ sec 19	320	100
Mestburger, Peter			
	W ½ NW ¼ sec 35	240	20
Mestburger, Christian			
	E ½ NW ¼ sec 35	240	120
Mestburger, John			
	E ½ SW ¼ sec 35	240	60
Schindler, Peter			
	SE ¼ sec 26	480	120
Schindler, John			
	SE ¼ sec 35	480	285
Sowers, John			
	pt NE fr NW ¼ sec 28	3	4
	NW fr Lot 2 sec 28	21	50
Schafter, Charles			
	SW 14 SW ¼ sec 2	80	45
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 2	160	50
Sunier, Peter			
	NE ¼ sec 3	330	110
	N ½ NW ¼ sec 3	172	
Slaughter, Elizabeth			
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 35	240	150
Straught, Peter			
	NE ¼ NW ¼ sec 12	80	70
Monroe Township (township 26, range 14)			
Metzlin, Peter			
	W ½ NW pt NE NW sec 20	300	60
Stofer, Henry			
	SE ¼ SE ¼ sec 14	100	20
Steiner, Christian			
	SW ¼ sec 30	410	200
Stoufer, Christian			
	NW ¼ sec 31	417	275

Name	Description	Land Value	Improvements
Augsberger, Peter			100
	SE ¼ NE ¼ sec 11	120	
	SW ¼ NW ¼ sec 12	120	
Augsberger, Christian			
	NW ¼ sec 26	320	
Augsberger, Paul			120
	E ½ SE ½ sec 9	240	
Augsberger, John			240
	E ½ NE ¼ sec 33	260	
Amstutt, Peter			
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 1	200	
Augsberger John Sr.			
Augsberger, John			
Baumgartner, John			290
	N ½ NW ¼ sec 22		
	S ½ NW ¼ sec 22	436	
Baumgartner, Samuel			380
	W ½ SW ¼ NW ¼ sec 22		
	NE ½ NW ¼ sec 27		
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 22	575	
Baumgartner, Peter			270
	S ½ SW ½ sec 22		
	E ½ NW ¼ sec 27	505	
Buhler, David			320
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 15		
	pt N ½ NE ¼ sec 15	363	
Bixler, Jacob			100
	W ½ SE ¼ sec 9		
	NE ¼ sec 27	760	
Baumgartner, David			
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 9	230	
Beberstine, Isaac			140
	W ½ SE ¼ sec 27	250	
Biberstine, Abraham			216
	pt NE ¼ sec 22	394	
Bear, Elizabeth			165
	S ½ fr NE ¼ sec 33		
	N ½ N ½ SE ¼ sec 33	300	
Beery, Christian			156
	SW ¼ sec 33	520	
Buhler, Abraham			186
	NW ¼ sec 33	320	
Biberstine, Jacob			
	SE ¼ NW ¼ sec 9	120	
Bixler, Peter			
	Receipt for tax of 1852 filed		
Eleringer, Abraham			90
	N ½ NE ¼ sec 36	220	
Farr, Isaac			224
	S ½ SE ¼ sec 21		
	S fr SW ¼ sec 21		
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 28		
	N fr SW ¼ sec 28	1060	
Fox, John			
	W ½ NW ¼ sec 23	240	
Fox, Anthony D			
Gerber, Ulrich			
	NW ¼ sec 1	420	
Garver, John			
	SE ¼ sec 2	400	
Kepfer, Ulrick			15
	S ½ NE ¼ sec 16		
	N ½ SE ¼ sec 16	320	
Klopfenstine, John			100
	NE ¼ sec 14	420	
Keahr, Mary Ann			240
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 35	260	
Klopenstine, Peter			
Lhamon, Peter			100
	E ½ NE ¼ sec 28	280	
Liechty, Jacob			235
	NE ¼ sec 36	320	
Moser, Peter Sr.			420
	NE ¼ sec 21		
	N ½ SE ¼ sec 21	1160	
	S ½ NW ¼ sec 16		
	(Refused to swear) this tax paid on N1/2 SE ¼ sec2		
Meyer, Peter Sr.			850
	SW ¼ sec 14		
	NE ¼ sec 13		
	W ½ SE ¼ sec 14	1200	
Meyer, John			200
	W ½ SW ¼ sec 4		
	SE ¼ SW ¼ sec 4	360	
Moser, Peter J. D.			276
	SW ¼ sec 36	460	
Moser, Isaac			110
	pt W ½ SW ¼ sec 21	165	
Moser, John			10
	SW ½ NE ¼ sec 3	100	
Moser, Abraham			220
	SW ¼ sec 26	520	
Moser Abraham			
	NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 21	100	
Moser, Jacob			40
	NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 16	130	
Merchand, David (Michaud)			
	SE ¼ SW ¼ sec 1	100	
Merchand, Julius (Michaud)			
	SW ¼ SW ½ sec 1	100	
Metzberger, Jacob			162
	W ½ NW ¼ sec 35	260	
Metzberger, John			192
	E ½ SW ¼ sec 35	260	
Metzberger, Christian			230
	E ½ NW ¼ sec 35	260	
Martz, William			
	SE ½ NW ¼ sec 16	220	
Moser, Jacob (French)			
Meyer, Abraham			
Meyer, Peter			
Meyer, John			
Moseyman, Ulery			
Moseyman, Jacob			
Moseyman, Christian			
Miller, Catherine			
Meyer, Jacob			
	W ½ NW ¼ sec 10	240	
Nichols, Emanuel			20
	E ½ SW ¼ sec 11	220	
Newshander, Chirstian			30
	N ½ NE ¼ sec 23	240	

Description			
Augsberger, Christian			
NW sec 26	475		
E ½ SE sec 27	275		175
Augsberger, Peter			
SE NE sec 11			
SW NW sec 12	160		60
Ashleman, Peter			
E ½ SE sec 9	250		270
Augsberger, John			
Ashleman, Peter J.			
Ashleman, Christian			
Buhler, Elizabeth			
fr NE SW sec 2			
fr NW ½ SW sec 2	110		60
Beeler, David			
NE NE sec 21	40		130
SE ¼ SW sec 21	150		200
W ½ SE sec 15			
S ½ SW sec 15			
pt N fr NE sec 22	600		595
Baumgartner, John			
pt S ½ NW sec 22			
N ½ NW sec 22	520		730
Baumgartner, Samuel			
N ¼ SW NW sec 22			
N ½ SW sec 22			
NW NW sec 27	420		480
Baumgartner, John E.			
S ½ S ½ NE sec 33			
N ½ N ½ NE sec 33	375		160
Baumgartner, Peter			
SE ¼ SE sec 21			
S ½ SW sec 22			
NE NW sec 27	565		490
Bixler, Christian			
E ½ SE sec 22	240		175
Bixler, Peter			
N ½ NE sec 27	260		285
Bixler, John			
S ½ NE sec 27	235		260
Baumgartner, David			
N ½ SW sec 9	220		35
Bristoff, W.			
NW SE sec 3	100		25
Beberstine, Abraham			
pt NE sec 22	385		470
N ½ NE sec 13	160		15
Beberstine, Jacob			
SE NE sec 9	120		80
Buhler, Abraham			
NW sec 23	500		760
Beutler, Ulrich			
SW SW sec 33	160		60
Baumgartner, Abraham			
Bidler, Samuel			
Boocker, Jacob			
Ellenbarger, Abraham			
N ½ NE sec 36	195		315
Ellenbarger, Folding			
Fox, John			
W ½ NW sec 25	195		205
Fisher, Rachel			
NE NE sec 1	120		160
Grandleinord, A. L.			
W ½ SW sec 11	200		120
Houser, Phillip			
S ½ NE sec 36	235		160
SE sec 36	505		855
Hartman, Ferdinand			
pt N ½ NW sec 3	150		30
Hecethorn, G. heirs			
NE ¼ SW sec 33	160		80
Hartman, Obediah			
pt W ½ NW sec 3	120		80
Hofer, John W.			
E ½ SW sec 3	120		265
Houser, Jacob			
Jahn, Edward			
N ½ NW sec 16	250		35
Kipfer, Ulrich			
S ½ SE sec 16	250		85
SW SW sec 15	115		
Klopfenstine, Jacob			
W ½ NE sec 14	225		170
Koher, Mary Ann			
W ½ NE sec 35	250		415
Kipfer, John			
Leichty, Jacob, Jr.			
Laymon, Jacob			
SE fr NE sec 27	170		100
Laymon, Christian			
W ½ SE sec 22	240		175
Leichty, Jacob, Sr.			
NW sec 36	435		355
Leichty, John			
Leichty, Jacob, Jr.			
Meschburger, John			
pt NE fr sec 34			
pt W pt SW sec 35			
E fr SW sec 35	410		435
Mosure, Peter D.			
SW sec 36	390		615
E ½ NE sec 35	250		315
Mosure, Ulrich			
S ½ SW sec 9	225		200
Meyer, Peter			
W fr SE sec 14			
SW sec 14			
N ½ NE sec 15	1010		610
Maceburger, Jacob			
pt fr SE sec 34			
pt W fr SW sec 35			
W ½ NW sec 35	410		270
Mosure, Peter, Sr.			
SW SW sec 16			
NW sec 21	630		790
Mosure, Abraham			
NW SE sec 21			
NE SW sec 21	250		300
Meyer, John			
SE SW sec 4			
W ½ SW sec 4	280		435
Meyer, Jacob			
W ½ NW sec 10	220		170
Mosure, Jacob			
E ½ SW sec 16	220		170

Name Description	Land Value	Improvements
Newshander, Ulrick		
SE ¼ sec 23	320	
Newshander, Catherine		
pt SW ¼ sec 24	50	
Nosbaum, Christian		50
S ½ NE ¼ sec 23	240	
Nosbaum, Jacob		
E ½ SE ¼ sec 11	200	
Nosbaum, Peter		
Newhouse, Christian		
Ritter, Ferdinand		166
W ½ SE ¼ sec 9	240	
Ritter, Gotlieb		20
NE ¼ NE ¼ sec 9	120	
Riffe, John		125
E ½ SE ¼ sec 25	220	
Riffe, David		
Ritter, John		
Slaughter, Joseph		170
NE fr Ne ¼ sec 34		
Mid pt NE ¼ sec 34		
pt NE ¼ SE ¼ sec 34	650	
Sovein, John		
SE ¼ sec 22		
pt NE fr SW ¼ sec 28	490	
Schafter, Charles		180
W ½ SW ¼ sec 2		
NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 2	300	
NE ¼ NW ¼ sec 2 tax paid ¼		
Steiner, Daniel		
S W ¼ sec 13		
S ½ NE ¼ sec 13	640	
Stookey, Nicholas		202
S pt SW ¼ sec 27		
pt S pt N ½ SW ¼ sec 27	306	
Stookey, Jacob		20
N ½ NE fr SE ¼ sec 28		
pt N pt N ½ SW ¼ sec 27	311	
Sunier, Anthony		30
pt NE ¼ sec 33	154	
Steiner, John		
N ½ NE ¼ sec 16	260	
Steiner, Peter		
W ½ NE ¼ sec 24	200	
Steiner, John		
W ½ SE ¼ sec 13	200	
Steiner, Peter		
W ?/? NW ¼ sec 15	500	
Steiner, Michael		
E ½ NE ¼ sec 25	200	
Steiner, John Sr.		
W ½ NW ¼ sec 14	240	
Sower, Christien, Jr.		
SE ¼ NW ¼ sec 3	100	
N ½ NW ¼ sec 16	260	
S ½ SE ¼ sec 16	260	
Sower, Christien, Sr.		
S ½ NW ¼ sec 16	260	
Suter, John		
E ½ NE ¼ sec 24	200	
Snyder, Barbara		
SE ¼ sec 24	400	
Stram, Matthias		30
SE ¼ sec 10		
SW ¼ sec 10	860	
Stram, Peter		
NW ¼ SW ¼ sec 15	125	
Schindler, Peter		255
SE ¼ sec 26	520	
Schindler, John		410
SE ¼ sec 35	520	
Sovein, Benjamin		
Sovein, Daniel		32
S ½ SW ¼ sec 9	250	
Senier, Peter		40
E ½ NE ¼ sec 3	200	
Senier, Peter		104
NE ¼ NE ¼ sec 3	100	
Sovien, Charles		70
NW ¼ NW ¼ sec 11	90	
Suter, Chistian		
SE ¼ SE ¼ sec 13	100	
Sovein, Henry		
Sovein, Levi		
Thantre, Jacob		120
NW ½ SE ½ sec 4		
NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 4	230	
Witter, Jacob		55
E ½ SE ¼ sec 27	250	
Weiser, Joseph		15
SW ¼ SE ¼ sec 11	80	
Wohman, Clemence		
Wiser, Samuel		
Yoder, John		
Zimmerman, Christian		25
NW ¼ NE ¼ sec 25		
NE ¼ NE ¼ sec 25	200	
Zimmerman, John		
SW ¼ NE ½ sec 25		
SE ¼ NW ¼ sec 25	200	

Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Mosure, Peter E.	pt W ½ SW sec 21	250	255
Mosure, Abraham	SW sec 26	505	435
Mosure, David	NW SW sec 16	130	235
Mosure, Jacob F.	SW SE sec 24	120	80
Michaud, Henry	pt NE sec 33	190	120
Michaud, D. L.	SE SW sec 1	100	30
Michaud, Julius	SW SW sec 1	100	60
Maceburger, Christian	E ½ NW sec 35	250	415
Moseyman, Jacob	SW SE sec 3	100	120
Miller, John	NW sec 9	345	235
Meyers, Fred			
Meyers, Abraham			
Moseyman, Andrew			
Neuenschwander, W. M	SE sec 23	500	195
Nussbaum, Jacob	E ½ SE sec 11		
	E ½ SW sec 11	375	160
Nussbaum, Christian	S ½ NE sec 23	250	235
Neuenschwander, Christian	N ½ NE sec 23	235	190
Neuenschwander, Catherine	pt E ¼ SW sec 26	80	65
Newhouser, Christian			
Neuenschwander, Isaac			
Nussbaum, Elizabeth			
Neuenschwander, M			
Newhouser, Jacob			
Newhouser, Barbara			
Neuenschwander, John			
Riech, Joseph	W ½ NW sec 24	240	
	S pt SW sec 24	250	100
Roof, Frederick	W ½ SW sec 10	215	
Reiffe, Mary Ann	pt W fr NE sec 9	125	235
Roth, Christian	E ½ NW sec 24	240	
	NE sec 26	500	395
Ritter, Godleb	NE NE sec 9	120	100
Reaffy, John	E ½ SE sec 25	235	340
Reaffy, Jacob			
Steiner, John	5/9 pt NW sec 13	86	65
	W ½ SE sec 13	80	
	4/9 pt S fr NE sec 13	34	54
Stuckey, Christian	W ½ SE sec 27	300	300
Spihiger, John	W ½ SE sec 25	235	
Schank, Frederick	SW NE sec 3	120	160
Schafter, Charles	½ NE ½ SW sec 2		
	½ pt W ½ SW sec 2	110	60
Strahm, Mathias	W ½ SE sec 10		
	E ½ SW sec 10	430	
Stookey, Nicholas	pt SW sec 27	395	330
Stookey, John	SW SW sec 3	100	190
Steiner, Jacob	S pt SW sec 24	90	190
Schindler, John	SE sec 35	500	825
Schindler, Peter	SE sec 26	500	415
Sowine, Charles	NW NW sec 11	100	145
Seiner, Mary Ann	NW NE sec 3	100	145
Suter, John	E ½ NE sec 24	235	115
Schenk, Christian			
Sowine, George			
Stuckey, Chirstian			
Schindler, Jacob			
Swartz, Ulrich			
Schindler, John			
Walimen, Clement	NW SE sec 24		
	E ½ SE sec 24	353	165
Witter, Jacob	N pt SW sec 27	155	133
Warner, John	SW SE sec 4		
	E ½ SE sec 4	240	250
Walter, John	SE SW sec 2	100	120
Weiser, Joseph	SW SE sec 11	100	65
Zaugg, Peter	E ½ NE sec 3	190	200
Zimmerman, John	SW NE sec 25		
	SE NW sec 25	235	300
Zimmerman, Charles	NW NE sec 25		
	NE NW sec 25	235	310

Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Augsbargar, John			30
	NE ¼ sec 20	200	
Blofser, Daniel			
	SW ¼ sec 31	425	
	SW ¼ sec 32	440	
Captain, Solomon			26
	NW ¼ sec 30	160	
Glancy, William			
Neapner, Frederic			
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 19		
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 19	360	
Neapner, Susannah			
	NE ¼ NW ¼ sec 19	100	
Neapner, Jacob			
	SW ¼ NW ¼ sec 19	100	
Lahman, Peter E. Sr.			320
	S ½ NW ¼ sec 13	220	
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 13	220	
	SE ½ NE ¼ sec 14	110	
	NE ½ SE ¼ sec 14	110	
Lhamon, William L.			
	NE ¼ sec 21		
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 22	670	
Leymon, Abraham			
	SE ¼ sec 32	480	
	SW ¼ NW ¼ sec 33	120	
Leymon, Peter S.			125
	NE ¼ sec 32	480	
Leymon, Christian			15
	NW ¼ NW ¼ sec 33	120	
Lhamon, Abraham			
Lhamon, Mary Ann			
Mazelin, Peter			100
	NW ½ NW ¼ sec 20		
	NE ¼ NW ¼ sec 20	180	
Steiner, Daniel			
	E ½ NE ¼ sec 31		
	NW ½ NW ¼ sec 31	300	
Springer, John			40
	W ½ SE ½ sec 33		
	SE ¼ SE ¼ sec 33	480	
	NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 33		
Springer, Christian			80
	NE ¼ SE ¼ sec 33	120	
	E ¼ SE ¼ sec 28	320	
Stofer, Henry			90
	NW ¼ NW ½ sec 23	125	
Steiner, Peter			
	SE ¼ sec 4	480	
Steiner, Christian			265
	SW ¼ sec 30	409	
Steiner Elisabeth			
	NW ¼ sec 32	480	
Schneck, Christian			10
	SE ¼ SW ¼ sec 33	120	
Stauffer, Christian			225
	NW ½ sec 33	413	
Zimmerly, Samuel			
	NE ¼ sec 23	430	
Zimmerly, Peter			
	SW ¼ sec 21	480	

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Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Baumgartner, John			
	N ½ SE sec 30	210	110
Beer, Chirstian			
	SE ¼ NE sec 30	45	100
Conrad, Alexander			
	S ½ SE sec 30	210	450
Captain, Solomon			
	W ½ NW sec 30	130	150
Cauffman, Joseph B.			
Fiechter, John			
	N ½ NE sec 30	160	
Liechty, Emanuel			
	E ½ SE sec 32	180	180
Lhamon, Peter			
	¾ NE SE sec 14	340	210
	¾ SE NE sec 14		
	¾ N ½ SW sec 13		
	¾ S ½ NW sec 13		
Lhamon, W. L.			
	E ½ NE sec 21	215	425
	N ½ NW sec 22	210	
Lhamon, Peter S.			
	W ½ NE sec 32	180	330
	NE sec 32	90	
	NE NW sec 32	90	15
Lhamon, Christian B.			
	W ½ SE sec 32	205	270
Lhamon, Chirst A.			
	NW NW sec 33	110	150
Luckibill, Chirstian			
	SW NE sec 30	80	
Leichty, John			
	W ½ SW sec 31	210	35
Lhamon, Abraham			
Meyers, George			
	NW sec 23	430	135
Miller, Joseph R			
	S ½ NE NE sec 9	50	
	S ½ NE sec 9	210	175
Neuenschwander, Christ			
	SW sec 30	420	320
Neuenschwander, Ulrich			
	NW NW sec 32	90	235
Neuenschwander, John			
	SE NE sec 32	95	130
Reusser, Jacob			
	E ½ SW sec 34	180	50
Reaffee, David			
	W ½ SE sec 18	125	75
Reicher, Christian			
	S ½ NW sec 32	165	90
Reusser, David			
	SW sec 32	350	220
Springer, Abraham			
	S ½ SW sec 29	205	265
Swartz Cope, Jacob			
	E ½ SW sec 2	195	
Swartz, J & P			
	N ½ NW sec 21	190	45
Schenk, Christian			
	W ½ SW sec 21	180	25
Sprunger, John			
	NE SW sec 33	110	
	W ½ SE sec 33	210	265
	W ½ SW sec 36	210	95
Springer, David			
	W ½ SE sec 36	180	165
Springer, Abraham			
	NE SE sec 33	90	85
Steiner, David			
	E ½ NE sec 31	210	135
	NW NE sec 31	110	10
Sprunger, Peter			
	W ½ SW sec 33	210	155
Sprunger, Peter E.			
	SE ½ SE ½ sec 33	110	50
Sprunger, Christian			
	E ½ SE sec 28	210	330
Schneck, Christian			
	SE ½ SW sec 33	110	180
Swartz, John			
	N ½ NE sec 20	180	225
Stauffer, Christian			
	NW sec 31	435	690
Schindler, Christian			
	E ½ SW sec 31	210	40
Steffen, Nicholas			

Name Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Amstutz, Ulerick		
SW ¼ sec 8	400	
Amstutz, John		
NW ¼ sec 10	560	
Baumgardner, David		
NW ¼ sec 5	395	
Eicher, John		130
SE ¼ sec 8	400	
Garver, Elizabeth		
SW ¼ sec 9	400	
Garver, Peter		
SE ¼ sec 10	320	
Hawbaker, Isaac		
NE ¼ sec 7	600	
Hawbaker, Abraham		125
N ½ NW ¼ sec 17	200	
Herchey, Philip		226
NW ¼ sec	440	
Leaish, Joseph		90
W ½ NW ¼ sec 6	210	
Louckabill, John		140
S ½ SE ¼ sec 5	200	
Louckabill, Peter		110
N ½ SE ¼ sec 5		
Miller, Noah		
NW ¼ sec 23	440	
Miller, Levi		91
S ½ NE ¼ sec 29	280	
Moser, Ulrick		
NE ¼ sec 17	440	
Oberly, William		
SE ½ NE ¼ sec 23	100	
Pfund, Peter		20
NW ¼ NE ¼ sec 22		
N ½ NW ¼ sec 22	319	
Reicher, John		220
SW ¼ sec 5	100	
Shannon, Daniel		
S fr SW ¼ sec 36	306	
Shenbeck, John		80
E ½ SW ¼ sec 7	200	
Stauffer, David		190
NW ¼ sec 4	400	
Swartzentrover, C.		110
W ½ SE ¼ sec 4	200	
Stauffer, Christian		20
S ½ NE ¼ sec5	200	
Steiner, Barbara		40
SW ¼ sec 6	445	
Springer, Abram		
E pt SW ¼ sec 4	150	
Springer, Christian		65
W pt SW ¼ 165		
Srpinger, Peter		45
Mid pt SW ¼ sec 6	165	
Soldner, John		80
NW ¼ sec 7	443	
Stuckey, Christian		
S ½ NE ¼ sec 6	200	
Yeagle, John		
SE ¼ NE ¼ sec 12	120	
Yoder, John		
N ½ NE ¼ sec 6	192	
Yoder, Joseph		90
E ½ NW ¼ sec 6	210	

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Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Amstutz, C	E ½ NE sec 10	195	135
Amstutz, Ulrich	W ½ SE sec 4	230	405
Burkholder, Charles	W ½ NE sec 19	330	
	E ½ NE sec 19	330	165
Baumgartner, J	W ½ NE sec 7	210	
Booker, Samuel	W ½ SW sec 19	385	
Bucker, John			
Coffman, Joseph	NE sec 8	380	520
Coffman, Daniel	NE sec 8	400	345
Eicher, John heirs	SE sec 8	390	330
Eicher, Jacob	W ½ NE sec 10	205	125
Eicher, Chirstian			
Eicher, Barbara			
Felty, John D.			
Garver, Christian	W ½ NW sec 6	205	460
Hershey, Phillip	NW sec 9	415	540
	W ½ SW sec 23	205	
Huffman, Jacob	E ½ SW sec 29	135	10
Hawbaker, Abraham	N ½ NW sec 17	195	270
Houser, George H.			
Knepper, Joseph	SW fr sec 35	225	10
Lukebill, Peter	N ½ SE sec 5	210	555
	SE ½ NW sec 5	115	
Leichty, Christian	E fr NW sec 4	205	205
Layman, Abraham	W ½ NW sec 4	225	285
Leichty, William	W ½ SE sec 20	330	
Lukebill, John	S ½ SE sec 5	210	330
Leichty, Peter			
Lesh, Joseph			
Mosure, Joseph	E ½ NE sec 6	200	125
Nussbaum, John C	NE SW sec 10	130	
Oberly, Christian	E ½ SE sec 9	265	
	NW SW sec 10	135	250
Rich, RM	NE NE sec 12		
	W ½ NE sec 12	360	20
Reicher, John	SW sec 5	415	455
Reassen, Christian			
Reicher, Catherine			
Swartzendrover, Christ	NE corner N fr NW sec 22	40	
Sprunger, C. P.	Pt W SW sec 4	50	35
	W pt SW sec 4	120	220
Stucky, Benedick	fr lot 4 sec 18	165	20
Springer, A. B. & P. A.	S ½ NW sec 15	265	125
Swartz, Mary	E ½ SW sec 19		
	W ½ SE sec 19	660	250
Shinebeck, John	E ½ SW sec 7	230	265
Smutt, David	S ½ NE sec 17	250	455
Swartz, Ulrich	SE sec 7	460	85
Saldner, John	NW sec 7	505	575
Steiner, Barbara	SW sec 6	570	125
Stauffer, Christian	S ½ NE sec 5	205	200
Shaneback, John J			
Walchly, Frederck	N ½ NE sec 5	230	190
Yoder, Joseph	E ½ NW sec 6	210	250
Yoder, Jacob	W ½ NE sec 6	200	60
Yoder, Christian			

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Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Atz, Christian			
	SE ¼ sec 13	520	
Amstutz, John			
	SE ¼ sec 10	560	
Berry, James G. Sr.			376
	SW ¼ sec 10	560	
	N ½ NW ¼ sec 13	280	
	W ½ NE ¼ sec 13	280	
Booker, Samuel			
	SW ¼ sec 14		
	NW ¼ sec 23		
	S ½ NE ¼ sec 24	1400	
Berry, James			
	S ½ NW ¼ sec 13	280	
Blaser, Abraham			
	SE ¼ sec 22	320	
Bucker, Jacob N.			
Berry, Henry M.			
Egli, Henry			106
	NE ¼ sec 13	532	
Garver, John			
	E fr SW ¼ sec 2	426	
Goldsmith, Jacob			80
	NW ¼ sec 13	532	
Herchey, John			263
	NE ¼ sec 2		
	E ½ NW ¼ sec 2	836	
Herchey, Levi			152
	NW ¼ SE ¼ sec 13		
	N ½ SW ¼ sec 13	400	
Miller, Daniel			385
	S ½ NE ¼ sec 3		
	N fr NE ¼ sec 3	518	
Stauffer, John			230
	N pt W fr SW ¼ sec 2		
	N pt SE ¼ sec 3		
	NE ¼ sec 12	696	
Steiner, Peter C.			
	S ¼ NW ¼ sec 10	280	
Schafter, Henry			
	N ½ NE ¼ sec 24	280	
Stiner, Daniel			
	SE ¼ sec 2	520	
Snyder, Jacob			105
	SE ¼ NE ¼ sec 14	140	
Zimmerman, John			
	S ½ SE ¼ sec 14	280	

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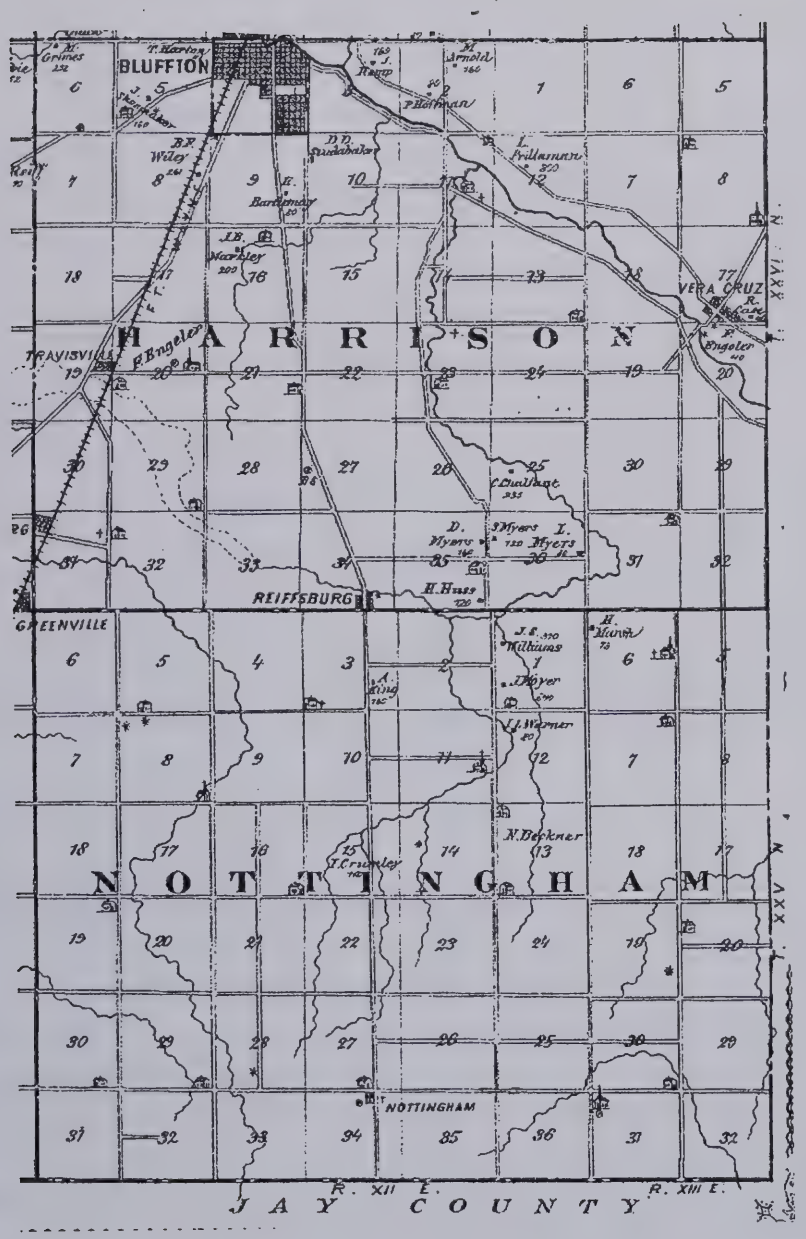
Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Augsburger, John			
	E ½ NE sec 2	310	125
	W NW sec 2	325	
	NE fr sec 3	125	
Blausser, Abraham			
	W ½ SE sec 22	315	235
Bricker, Jacob			
	SE NE sec 4	160	170
Crisman, John			
	NE SW sec 23	160	140
Crisman, George			
Fox, Michael			
	NE SE sec 12	160	145
Gunter, Elizabeth			
	SW NE sec 10	160	100
Goldsmith, Jacob			
	NW sec 13		
	pt S fr SW sec 12	845	440
Housier, Jacob			
	SW NE sec 15	125	115
Hooser, Michael			
	NW NE sec 15	125	
Huffman, Hannah			
	N fr S ½ N ½ SW sec 15	60	
Hershey, John			
	NE sec 2	630	1145
Hershey, Louis			
	N ½ SW sec 13	315	265
Heche, Isaac			
Huffman, John			
Huffman, Peter			
Leichty, John W.			
Leichty, Catherine			
	SW SW sec 24	160	190
Miller, Daniel			
	N fr NE sec 3		
	S ½ NE sec 3	700	770
Moser, Peter			
	S ½ SW sec 13	315	160
Moser, Daniel			
	SW NE sec 4	125	165
Moser, John D.			
	N ½ NW sec 1	235	85
Miller, David			
Miller, James			
Neaderhouser, E.			
	pt SW sec 2	90	2020
Roth, Peter			
	N ½ SW sec 24	315	200
Stuckey, Christian			
	NW NE sec 10	160	120
Snyder, Jacob			
	SE pt NE sec 14	190	160
Snyder, William			
	SW sec 21	500	375
Snyder, Samuel			
	SW sec 28	500	25
Steiner, Peter C.			
	S ½ NW sec 10	315	310
Stuckey, Jacob			
	pt N ½ NW sec 10	190	155
Stuckey, Benjamin			
	pt NW NW sec 10	125	60
Schafter, Henry L.			
	N ½ NE sec 24	315	50
Stuckey, Jesse			
Schindler, Daniel			
Snyder, Jacob			
Zimmerman, John S.			
	S ½ SE sec 14	315	215
Zimmerman, Joseph			



Name	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Description		
Bixler, Jacob	480	
SE Sec 6 Twp 26		
Bixler, Jacob	320	
E ½ NW Sec 17 Twp 26		
Baumgartner, Christian	560	
SW Sec 8 Twp 26		
Bovine, David	100	
Part Lot No. 2 Sec 20 Twp 26		
Conrad, Martin	480	
NW Sec 8 Twp 26		
Gracy, Samuel	240	
W ½ NW Sec 25 Twp 26		
Hostetter, James	480	
SW Sec 22 Twp 26		
Merillat, John Peter	560	80
SE Sec 7 Twp 26		
Shafter, David	275	45
NE Part SE Sec 20 Twp 26		
Steiner, Ulrich	480	
NE Sec 7 Twp 26		
Sour, Christian Sr.	480	100
SE Sec 8 Twp 26		
Sour, John	375	30
NW ½ NE ½ NE part NW Sec 20 Twp 26		
Sour, Christian Jr.	300	10
S ½ SE Sec 17 Twp 26		
Webb, Benjamin	240	
E ½ SW Sec 32 Twp 26		
Schnurley, George	120	
SE ½ SW Sec 6 Twp 25		

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Name	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Descriptions		
Augsberger, John		
SW 1/4 sec 6	760	
Amstutz, John		50
NE 1/4 sec 8	800	
Atz, John		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 18		
Bomegardner, Christian		220
SW ¼ sec 8	780	
Beeles, David		
Newville In-Lot 6		
Beaverstine, Jacob		
Newville In-Lot 9		
Bixler, Jacob		
E ½ NW ¼ sec 17	400	
Bear, Peter		
Bovine, David		
Caps, Christian		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 18		
Carnal, Henry L.		
Engelor, Frederic		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 28		
Garber, Ulrich		
SE ¼ sec 5	600	
Gerwig, Frederic		
Suters Addition to Newville In-Lot 4		
Gentner, Christian		
Gillum, Abraham		
Hesche, Isaac		75
pt S fr NE & NE fr SE ¼ sec 20	440	
Joeray, Emanuel		100
N ½ SE ¼ sec 17 400		
Kaehr, Jacob		10
N ½ NE ¼ sec 6	800	
Keffer, Ulrich		
Lehman, V Blais		
Merrilett, John P.		10
SE ¼ sec 6	790	
Merrilett, John P.		350
SE ¼ sec 7	790	
Martz, William		
Newville In-Lot 1		
Myers, Peter		10
NE ¼ sec 19	500	
Mosier, John		100
NE ¼ NE & pt S fr NE ¼ sec 20	375	
Martz, William		
Myers, Nancy		
Neaderhouser, Emanuel		
Suter Addition to Newville		
Rouff, Jacob		
Stukey, Joseph		30
S pt W ½ SW ¼ sec 5	215	
Strahn, Ulrich		20
E ½ SW ¼ sec 5	285	
Steiner, John		
SE ¼ NW & N ½ NE ¼ sec 5	650	
Steiner, John		95
NW ¼ sec 7	775	
Smith, Martin		40
NW ¼ sec 6	650	
Steiner, Jacob		
NE ¼ sec 7	800	
Strahn, Matthias		20
NW ¼ sec 8	780	
Sowers, Christian		400
pt SE ¼ sec 8	685	
Sowers, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 1?		
Sowers, Christian		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 2?		
Sowers, Christian		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 2?		
Sowers, Christian		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 2?		
Shaffter, David		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot		
Shaffter, David		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 2?		
Shaffter, David		
Sours Addition to Newville In-Lot 2?		
Shaffter, David		40
For Lot No 2 sec 20	160	
Suter, John		
Sours Addition 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16		
Suter, John		75
SE fr NE ¼ SW ¼ sec 17	350	
Sours, Christian		150
S ½ SE ¼ sec 17	400	
Sours, John		
SW fr SW ¼ sec 17	65	
Sours, John		
NE fr NW ¼ & NW NE ¼ sec 20		300
Sours, John		1500
SW ¼ & NE fr S ½ NW ¼ & SW ¼ NW & pt SE sec 20	1535	
Schaffter, Henry		15
SE ¼ SE ¼ sec 29	150	
Schaffter, Henry		
N/NE ½ NE ¼ sec 32	40	
Sours, John Jr.		
Sours, Christian 2nd/		
Suter, Jacob		
Whitebread, Abraham		20
S pt E 1/3 NE ¼ sec 32	270	

Name	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Description		
Augsberger, Paul		
Suters 2nd Addition to Newville In-Lot 44		
Suters 2nd Addition to Newville In-Lot 45		
Atz, John		
Suters 2nd Addition to Newville In-Lot 1		
Suters 2nd Addition to Newville In-Lot 3		
Suters 2nd Addition to Newville In-Lot 6		
Augsberger; Ann		
Bamgartner, Chris		710
SW ½ sec 8	900	
E ½ NE ¼ sec 30	320	
Bixler, Jacob	480	
E ¼ NW ¼ sec 17		
Barger, Peter	35	125
pt SW fr SW ¼ sec 17		
Barger, Nicholas Sr	10	40
NE pt NE ¼ SW ½ sec 17		
Barger, Nicholas Sr.	10	
pt N ¼ SE ¼ sec 17		
Biberstine, Jacob		
Fred Engler Addition Newville In-Lot 11		
Fred Engler Addition Newville In-Lot 12		
Biberstine, Mary Ann		
Biberstine, Ferdinand		
Brunner, John		
Newville In-Lot 41		
Bamgartner, Jacob		
Bixler, Jacob		
Bluffton In-Lot 214		
Gerwig, Frederick	160	90
NE ½ SW ¼ sec 24		
Gracy, Samuel	220	100
W ½ NW ¼ sec 25		
Gardenour, Joseph		
E ½ NW ¼ sec 27	345	95
NE ¼ sec 28	680	130
Gracy, Joseph		
Capp, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 18		
Newville In-Lot 20		
Capp, Wilham		
Engler Frederick		
Newville In-Lot 6		
Ensley, Jacob		
Sutter addition Newville In-Lot 7		
Frank, S.		
Gerber, Ulrick	280	110
W ½ SE ¼ sec ?5		
Gerber John	280	40
E ¼ SE ¼ sec 5		
Grandlinard, Abram L.	360	100
S ¼ NW ¼ sec 29		
Gentner, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 22		
Gilgan, John L.	380	85
W ¼ SE ¼ sec 29		
Gilliom, Isaac, Jr	20	200
Lot No 2 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Jacob	20	
Lot No 3 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, A & Ch	100	10
Lot No 4 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Abram	200	130
Lot No 5 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Mary	200	30
Lot No 6 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Henrich	220	10
Lot No 7 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Benjamin	120	15
Lot No 8 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Gilliom, Daniel	100	20
N ½ S of Lot # 9 sec 20 Newville In-Lot 2		
Kohr, Jacob	150	90
NE ¼ NE ¼ sec 6		
Kepper, Christian	360	120
E ¼ NE ¼ sec 8		
Lepper, Magdalene	25	
Lot No 1 sec 20		
Lepper, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 35		
Lepper, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 43		
Lehman, B.		
Lepper, Charles		
Masseman, Ulrich Sr.	360	55
E ¼ SE ¼ sec 6		
Masseman, Jacob	360	45
W ¼ SE ¼ sec 6		
Merilett, John P.	940	880
SE ¼ sec 7		
Martz, William		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 16		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 1		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 2		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 13		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 14		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 15		
Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 16		
Myers, Peter	880	75
NE ¼ sec 19		
Newville In-Lot 33		
Mosier, John	535	325
pt E fr ¼ NE ¼ sect 20		
Meyrs, Christian		
Newville In-Lot 8		
Meyrs, John		
Newville In-Lot 21		
Meyrs, John & Peter		
Newville In-Lot 47		
Meyrs, Wilhelm		
Masseman, Ulrich Jr.		
Masseman, Frederick		
Mosier, Frederick		
Mosier, Jacob		
Meyrs, Peter, Jr.		
Neuenschwander, J. M.	30	125
pt S ¼ SE ¼ sec 17		
Neuenschwander, J. M.		
Newville In-Lot 40		
Neuenschwander, U. M. & J. Ch.		
Newville In-Lot 5		
Neuenschwander, U. M.		
E pt S ¼ SW ¼ sec 20	220	75
Newville In-Lot 3		
Newville In-Lot 24		

Name	Description	Land Value	Value of Improvements
Neuenschwander, Ulrich, Jr			
Ritter, Mary Ann			
	Newville In-Lot 4		
	Newville In-Lot 32		
Ritter, Theophil			
	Newville In-Lot 42		
Ramseyer, Abraham			
Ritter, John			
Ritter Gottieb			
Steffen, Peter		140	
	NW ¼ NE ¼ sec 6		
Sowers, Christian		880	900
	SE ¼ sec 8		
Stuky, Jacob or Jo		210	90
	S pt W ¼ SW ¼ sec 5		
Strahm, Ulrich		280	205
	E ¼ SW ¼ sec 5		
Stiner, John L.			
	N ¼ NE ¼ sec 5	270	
	SE ¼ NW ¼ sec 5	140	
	NW ¼ sec 7	850	170
Strahm, Matthias			
	W ¼ NE ¼ sec 8	360	280
	NW ¼ sec 8	720	
Stiner, Jacob, David, & Ulric		880	
	NE ¼ sec 7		
Sowers, Christian, Jr.		490	270
	pt SE SE ¼ sec 17		
Suter, John			
	pt NE fr SW ¼ sec 17	450	250
	Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 9		
	Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 10		
	Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 11		
Suter, John, Jr			
	Suters 2nd Addition Newville In-Lot 4		
	Suters 2nd Addition Newville In-Lot 6		
Stafford, John		90	35
	pt Lots 2 & 3 sec 18		
Smith, Jacob A.		200	85
	NW ½ SW ¼ sec 19		
Schaffter, David			
	fr Lot no 2 sec 20	195	100
	Newville In-Lot 25		
	Newville In-Lot 26		
	Newville In-Lot 27		
Schaffter, Henry			
	SE ¼ SE ¼ sec 27	180	120
	N pt E pt NE ¼ sec 32	45	
Staffy, Nicholas			
	Suters Addition Newville In-Lot 4		
Suter, John, Jr.			
	Suters 2nd Addition Newville In-Lot 2		
Suter, Jacob			
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